BOMBAY.	Karwar	11 4	...	7 0	13 0	16 0	14 0	21 0	8 0	13 0	...	11 8	213 5¼	21 0	
	Pánch Mahals (Godhra)	9 8	...	9 11	10 10	...	16 0	22 0	...	20 8	24 0	9 6	320 0	16 0	
	Aden	No return received.													
	Asirgarh Cantonment	15 7	...	11 0	12 0	29 7	29 0	...	19 0	20 0	...	9 8	160 0	12 0	
	Baroda Camp (Sadar Bazar)	11 1	16 0	6 14	8 0	17 2	14 14	18 3	...	13 11	...	10 5	80 0	13 11	
	Disa Cantonment	16 4	25 0	7 2	8 8	25 2	27 12	...	...	18 12	...	10 8	120 0	13 0	
	Nimach Cantonment	No return received.													
	Nasirabad Cantonment	18 1¼	29 0	7 0	8 0	32 0	22 5¼	...	12 0	29 4¾	31 10¾	13 0	90 0	15 8	
	Rajkot Station	17 0	...	6 8	9 0	20 8	13 8	...	...	16 0	...	7 8	80 0	40 0	
	Upper Sind Frontier	13 5	21 4	10 0	16 0	22 0	21 4	...	...	17 12	...	...	160 0	13 0*	* In common use.
	Karachi	12 0	19 0	8 0	14 0	20 0	16 0	...	...	19 0	15 0	7 0	85 0	16 0	
	Haidarabad (Gidu Bunder)	12 8	21 8	8 8	19 8	21 8	18 8	...	...	17 8	...	...	160 0	13 8	
	Shikarpur	12 0	18 0	9 8	14 0	18 0	21 0	...	...	17 0	...	11 0	140 0	13 0	
	Sukkur	14 0	22 0	10 0	15 0	20 0	20 0	...	...	21 0	...	13 0	120 0	13 0	
	Thar & Parkar (Umarkot)	14 15	...	..	13 15	...	18 12	...	...	...	...	...	160 0	14 12	
BENGAL.	*Western Districts.*														
	Burdwan	14 8	...	16 0	22 0	...	...	...	...	21 0	...	26 0	120 0	13 0*a*	
	Bankoora	18 12	25 0	21 0	25 0	...	...	...	...	18 12	37 0	20 0	240 0	11 8*b*	
	Beerbhoom	20 0	...	16 0	21 0	...	...	...	...	22 8	...	15 0	160 0	12 12*c*	
	Midnapore	18 0	...	15 0	22 0	...	...	...	...	17 0	...	14 0	155 0	12 8*d*	
	Hooghly	15 0	...	10 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	19 0	...	13 0	120 0	13 0*e*	
	Howrah	15 0	...	12 8	16 8	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	15 0	90 0	13 0	
	Central Districts.														
	Calcutta	15 0	21 0	9 12	16 10	18 4	13 0	...	18 4	19 0	24 0	18 0	80 0	13 0	
	24-Pergunnahs	13 5	20 0	8 0	14 8	...	...	...	...	20 0	23 0	21 4	80 0	12 5*f*	
	Nuddea	15 14	26 5¼	15 0	17 0	...	...	...	...	22 14	...	20 0	...	11 10¼*g*	
	Khoolna	...	..	15 8	18 0	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	...	160 0	10 8*h*	
	Jessore	16 0	...	13 4	20 0	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	20 0	120 0	10 12*i*	
	Moorshedabad	17 0	..	13 4	20 0	...	...	...	...	26 10	20 0	19 0	120 0	...*j*	
	Dinagepore	15 4	20 8	18 0	21 8	...	...	...	...	22 0	...	...	160 0	11 8	
	Rajshahye	20 0	32 0	16 8	19 8	...	...	...	...	22 0	...	17 0	240 0	12 0*k*	
	Rungpore	16 0	...	15 0	18 0	...	...	...	...	18 0	...	10 6	120 0	11 0*l*	
	Bogra	16 8	...	13 8	20 4	...	...	...	...	16 8	...	...	90 0	...	
	Pubna	19 8	...	8 0	22 8	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	20 0	200 0	11 4*m*	
	Darjeeling	9 0	10 0	5 0	11 0	...	...	14 0	...	11 0	24 0	8 0	132 0	9 0	
	Jalpáiguri	12 8	20 0	12 0	20 0	...	...	...	...	15 5	...	...	128 0	11 8*n*	
	Eastern Districts.														
	Dacca	14 0	26 0	13 0	15 0	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	...	120 0	10 8*o*	
	Furreedpore	21 0	25 0	16 0	17 8	...	...	...	...	19 8	...	16 0	120 0	...*p*	
	Backergunge	...	...	14 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	13 0	120 0	11 8*q*	
	Mymensingh	13 4	...	12 4	17 4	...	...	...	...	15 0	...	...	...	11 0*r*	
	Chittagong	16 0	...	8 8	16 0	...	...	...	...	14 0	...	12 0	75 0	12 0*s*	
	Noakholly	No return received.													
	Tipperah	11 7	...	13 5	14 13	...	...	...	...	18 0	...	9 10	...	11 0*t*	
	Chittagong Hill Tract	No return received.													
	Hill Tipperah	12 0	...	11 0	14 0	...	...	...	...	12 0	...	16 0	...	11 0	

a In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Culna 13-8 seers, Cutwa 12-8 seers, and Raneegunge 13 seers.
b At Bishenpore retail price of salt 11 seers per rupee.
c At Rampore Hât retail price of salt 13-4 seers per rupee.
d In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Tumlook 11 seers and Contai 10-8 seers.
e In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Serampore 12 seers and Jehanabad 13-8 seers.
f In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Baraset, Bussirhat, and Barrackpore 12 seers, Diamond Harbour (at Kulpihat) 13 seers, and Dum-Dum 11 seers.
g In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Kooshtea 12-4 seers, Meherpore 12 seers, Chooadanga 13-8 seers, and Ranaghat 12-14 seers.
h In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Jhenida and Narail 12 seers, Magoora 10-12 seers, and Bongong 13 seers.
i In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Satkhira 11 seers and Bagirhat 10 seers.
j In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Lalbagh and Kandi 12 seers and Jungipore 12-5 seers.
k In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Nattore 12 seers and Nowgong 10-10 seers.
l In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Kurigram 12 seers, Nilphamari 13 seers, and Gaibanda 7-14 seers.
m At Serajgunge retail price of salt 12-4 seers per rupee.
n At Fallacotta in the Alipore sub-division retail price of salt 10 seers per rupee.
o In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Manickgunge 12-8 seers, Munshigunge 10-12 seers, and Naraingunge 10-13 seers.
p In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Goalundo 12 seers and Madaripore 11-8 seers.
q In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Patuakhali 10-10 seers, Perozepore 11 seers, and Bhola 10-8 seers.
r In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Kishoregunge 9-2 seers, Attea 12 seers, Jamalpore 10-8 seers, Sherpore 10 seers, and Netrokona 12-5 seers.
s At Cox's Bazar retail price of salt 11 seers per rupee.
t At Brahmunberiah and Chandpore retail price of salt 11 seers per rupee.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Provinces.	Districts.	Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													Remarks.
		Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoideum*).	Ragi or Marua (*Eleusine coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, Italian millet (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chenna, Chola, Kadalay or Sunaga (*Cicer arietinum*).	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thúr Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
Bengal—*continued.*	*Behar.*														
	Patna	21 12	34 0	11 8	20 8	26 0	26 0	26 0	20 0	30 0	40 0	26 0	110 0	11 8	
	Gya	18 0	27 0	10 0	16 0	...	...	...	16 0	23 0	...	23 0	160 0	11 0ᵴ	
	Shahabad	17 8	27 0	9 0	18 0	...	...	...	...	28 0	...	15 0	160 0	12 0ᵴ	
	Durbhunga	17 0	23 0	12 8	16 8	...	...	26 0	22 0	21 0	24 0	21 0	160 0	11 8ᵴ	
	Mozufferpore	20 0	30 0	10 0	18 0	...	...	30 0	...	26 0	30 0	24 0	140 0	12 0ᵴ	
	Sarun	18 0	28 0	8 0	20 0	...	...	26 0	16 0	26 0	27 0	26 0	140 0	10 12ᵴ	
	Chumparun	20 0	29 0	10 0	15 0	...	...	...	...	27 0	27 0	24 0	...	11 0ᵴ	
	Monghyr	19 10	35 10	13 13	16 12	33 10	...	...	31 8	27 12	42 0	24 2	126 0	12 9ᵴ1	
	Bhágalpur	18 15	31 9	14 8	17 10	...	...	...	...	25 4	40 8	21 7	137 0	12 0ᵴ2	
	Purneah	16 0	...	16 0	20 0	...	...	...	...	21 0	...	18 0	128 0	10 8ᵴ3	
	Maldah	18 0	...	14 0	21 8	...	...	...	...	26 10	...	...	120 0	11 0	
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	13 0	...	16 0	25 0	...	...	...	...	18 0	10 0	21 0	200 0	11 8ᵴ4	
	Orissa.														
	Cuttack	17 1	...	10 8	15 12	...	...	...	...	kalai18 6	...	...	80 0	14 0	
	Pooree	No return	received.												
	Balasore	14 0	13 0	13 0	24 0	...	...	...	...	14 0	...	13 0	80 0	10 8ᵴ5	
	Chota Nagpore. *South-Western Frontier Agency.*														
	Hazáribágh	16 0	18 0	10 0	21 0	...	...	33 0	...	20 0	(new)40 0	21 0	220 0	9 0ᵴ6	
	Lohardugga	24 0	18 0	16 0	(old) 22 0 / (new)32 0	...	...	40 0	...	18 0	40 0	19 0	120 0	9 0	
	Singbhoom	24 0	24 0	28 0	32 0	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	21 0	360 0	9 0	
	Manbhoom	17 0	...	15 8	...	...	...	...	...	17 0	...	...	240 0	10 10ᵴ7	
Assam.	Sylhet	12 12	...	9 10	14 0	...	...	...	...	18 0	...	13 0	108 0	11 8	
	Cáchár	10 0	...	7 4½	13 5⅓	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	11 6⅔	64 0	10 5 0	
	Goálpará	20 0	...	8 0	20 0	...	...	...	...	15 0	...	11 0	80 0	11 0 0	
	Gáro Hills	8 0	...	5 0	11 0	...	...	...	...	10 0	...	9 0	160 0	8 0 0	
	Kámrup	16 0	...	8 0	12 8	...	...	...	...	14 0	...	11 0	160 0	11 0 0	
	Darrang	7 0	...	7 0	13 0	...	...	...	...	12 0	...	10 0	150 0	9 0 0	
	Nowgong	8 0	...	5 0	13 0	...	...	...	...	10 0	...	10 0	120 0	9 0 8	
	Sibságar	...	...	8 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	10 0	...	10 0	80 0	9 0 8	
	Lakhimpur	8 12	...	11 0	15 8	...	...	...	...	13 8	4 0	10 8	160 0	9 0 8	
	Khási and Jaintiá Hills	...	...	6 0	8 0	...	...	...	...	8 0	16 0	7 0	90 0	8 0 0	
	Nágá Hills	...	...	...	6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 0	64 0	3 0 0	
	Dehra Dún	18 0	31 0	6 0	10 8	14 0	16 0	25 0	...	24 0	18 0	24 0	160 0	10 8	
	Saháranpur	19 14	32 4	8 9½	12 14½	32 4	21 8	43 0	43 0	27 15	32 4	26 14	107 8	13 7	
	Muzaffarnagar	19 4	33 0	6 9	13 4	27 8	24 6	15 6	16 8	26 6	28 11	16 8	110 0	12 10	
	Meerut	18 8	32 0	6 0	14 0	26 0	20 0	20 0	20 0	27 0	30 0	30 0	100 0	13 8	
	Bulandshahr	19 12	36 0	6 0	10 10	26 0	22 8	...	22 0	23 0	35 8	22 0	160 0	13 4	
	Aligarh	19 4	33 0	5 4	10 4	26 0	18 8	...	16 4	32 0	39 0	36 0	120 0	13 0 0	
	Kurwaun	13 0	15 0	9 8	11 0	...	...	18 0	20 0	12 0	20 0	9 8	209 0	7 0	
	Garhwál	16 0	20 0	7 0	9 8	22 0	9 8	9 0	20 0	8 0	...	9 0	160 0	6 14	

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Provinces.	Districts.	Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													Remarks.
		Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoideum*).	Marua or Ragi (*Eleusine coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, Italian millet (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chenna, Chola, Kadalay or Sunaga (*Cicer arietinum.*)	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thúr Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
Punjab—*continued.*	Ferozepore	18 0	33 0	...	11 0	28 0	...	...	12 0	32 0	...	...	90 0	14 0	
	Mooltan	14 0	22 0	...	10 0	22 0	14 0	...	16 0	22 0	16 0	...	80 0	14 0	
	Jhang	16 0	28 0	...	10 0	16 0	12 0	16 0	18 0	21 0	20 0	10 0	200 0	14 0	
	Montgomery	16 0	24 0	...	10 0	...	...	...	...	24 0	16 0	12 0	200 0	12 0	
	Lahore	18 0	31 0	...	12 0	25 0	18 0	...	24 0	26 0	21 0	14 0	90 0	14 0	
	Amritsar	21 0	37 0	...	12 0	25 0	20 0	17 0	21 0	29 0	25 0	15 0	90 0	15 0	
	Gurdáspur	24 0	30 0	...	13 0	24 0	14 0	...	10 0	27 0	28 0	...	120 0	13 0	
	Siálkot	19 0	40 0	...	12 0	31 0	...	...	20 0	26 0	25 0	12 0	120 0	15 0	
	Gujrát	22 0	35 0	...	15 0	26 0	26 0	...	20 0	27 0	26 0	...	100 0	16 0	
	Gujránwála	20 0	35 0	...	13 0	26 0	20 0	...	...	25 0	25 0	...	100 0	14 8	
	Shahpur	19 0	28 0	...	12 0	23 0	21 0	24 0	20 0	24 0	22 0	10 0	240 0	16 0	
	Jhelum	21 0	31 0	...	12 0	26 0	24 0	...	10 0	27 0	23 0	14 0	140 0	16 0	
	Ráwalpindi	19 0	29 0	...	10 0	...	23 0	...	23 0	25 0	21 0	25 0	86 0	15 6	
	Hazára	16 0	23 0	...	11 0	...	20 0	...	...	18 0	20 0	...	100 0	12 0	
	Pesháwar	17 0	30 0	...	13 0	20 0	21 0	...	21 0	21 0	19 0	29 0	105 0	45 5	
	Kohát	16 0	27 0	...	16 0	...	18 0	...	...	22 0	18 0	...	127 0	60 0	
	Bannu	22 0	33 0	...	10 0	28 0	25 0	...	7 0	30 0	24 0	15 0	80 0	40 0	
	D. I. Khán	18 0	27 0	...	8 0	25 0	25 0	15 0	6 0	27 0	...	...	113 0	33 13	
	D. G. Khán	16 0	22 0	...	9 0	22 0	...	15 0	15 0	21 0	16 0	11 0	125 0	20 0	
	Muzaffargarh	15 0	21 0	...	6 0	18 0	16 0	...	16 0	19 0	...	...	100 0	14 0	
Central Provinces.	Saugor	18 5	...	8 12	9 14	...	...	...	...	24 15	...	14 12	160 0	9 2	
	Damoh	20 0	...	10 11	11 7	...	...	...	...	26 11	...	12 13	200 0	9 14	
	Jubbulpore	15 0	...	8 12	11 0	...	...	...	...	21 8	...	13 0	120 0	11 0	
	Mandla	15 0	...	8 0	10 0	...	...	...	...	22 13	...	10 0	256 0	11 0	
	Seoni	17 15	...	8 0	9 12	...	...	...	...	7 15	...	10 15	210 0	10 11	
	Narsinghpur	16 6	...	9 12	11 3	...	...	...	...	22 8	...	15 14	140 0	11 7	
	Hoshangabad	16 0	...	7 0	9 0	...	...	...	...	24 0	...	13 0	200 0	11 0	
	Nimár	16 0	...	7 8	10 15	24 13	...	...	...	18 9	...	10 4	120 0	11 15	
	Betul	16 12	...	9 10	12 5	20 3	...	...	...	22 0	...	9 8	320 0	9 1	
	Chhindwára	12 11	...	6 11	8 14	18 0	...	...	...	19 0	...	9 0	120 0	9 2	
	Wardha	16 0	...	8 14	10 0	20 0	...	...	...	15 0	...	11 7	160 0	10 11	
	Nágpur	14 6	...	8 2	10 15	18 12	...	...	...	18 2	...	11 4	120 0	10 14	
	Chánda	16 3	...	...	12 13	17 13	...	...	...	17 13	...	12 11	675 0	9 11	
	Bhandára	13 12	...	8 12	11 4	...	...	...	...	17 8	...	11 4	180 0	9 0	
	Bálaghát	13 2	...	10 8	12 12	...	...	...	...	14 6	...	13 2	144 0	9 0	
	Raipur	21 14	...	12 6	18 8	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	18 15	60 0	10 0	
	Bilaspur	24 6	...	15 12	18 0	...	...	...	...	29 5	...	17 8	128 0	9 0	
	Sambalpur	22 12	...	21 0	24 8					18 0		13 0	160 0	11 6	
	Arakan Division.														
	Akyab	...	...	10 8	14 0	...	...	...	...	10 0	...	...	160 0	35 0	
	Kyoukpyu	...	...	1 0	16 8	...	...	...	...	5 0	...	...	50 0	42 0	
	Sandoway	...	...	19 2	22 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	469 11	39 0	

BRITISH BURMA.	*Pegu Division.*															
	Rangoon Town	11 2	...	10 6	12 3	...	...	...	...	15 4	...	...	320 0	29 2		
	Pegu	...	...	9 7	11 13	...	...	...	...	11 13	...	...	135 0	26 15		
	Tharrawaddy	...	...	11 14	12 15	...	...	...	...	11 1	17 13	...	535 11	22 5		
	Prome	11 3	...	11 10	13 12	...	...	...	...	12 7	23 9	...	209 8	18 10		
	Irrawaddy Division.															
	Bassein	...	...	12 14	14 11	...	...	...	...	10 4	...	...	341 4	30 0		
	Henzada	...	...	11 15	15 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	183 8	35 8		
	Thonegwa	...	...	...	...					...	...		...	...		
	Thayetmyo	10 15	...	9 7	11 5	...	...	...	...	11 1	...	...	367 8	18 15		
	Tenasserim Division.															
	Moulmein Town and Amherst	9 0	...	9 11	11 2	...	...	...	...	12 2	12 2	...	220 0	30 8		
	Tavoy	...	...	13 0	17 15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	399 3	16 1		
	Mergui	...	...	15 6	16 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	428 0	14 9		
	Toungoo	...	...	10 10	12 13	...	...	...	...	8 11	...	...	27 0	18 12		
	Shwaygyin	...	...	10 10	11 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200 0	14 2		
HYDERABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS.	Secunderabad	No return received.														
	Bolarum															
	Chadarghat															
	Amráoti	16 4	...	7 4	10 0	23 8	17 8	...	...	15 0	...	10 12	*	12 0	* Firewood is sold by head-load, bullock-load, and cart-load, and not by weight.	
	Akola	16 0	...	7 0	11 0	21 0	21 0	...	...	16 0	...	21 0	*	12 0		
	Ellichpur	18 9	9 0	7 0	10 0	25 0	16 0	...	...	14 0	...	9 0	*	11 0		
	Buldana	18 0	...	8 0	11 0	35 0	27 0	...	...	22 0	...	9 0	*	10 0		
	Wun	18 0	...	8 0	10 0	28 0	...	...	...	18 0	...	...	*	11 0		
	Básim	20 10	...	7 2	11 2	37 0	...	...	...	19 10	...	...	*	9 13		
MYSORE.	Bangalore	No return received.														
	Kolar															
	Túmkúr															
	Mysore															
	Hassan															
	Shimoga															
	Kadur															
	Chitaldroog															
COORG	Coorg	10 4	9 12	13 7	16 7	...	...	35 10	...	24 3	...	...	110 0	11 13		
RAJPOOTANA.	Jeypore	17 8	28 8	4 8	8 12	33 0	22 0	...	24 0	28 0	30 0	34 0	115 0	14 0		
	Kishengurh	17 4	31 8	9 0	10 0	33 0	23 12	...	...	31 4	33 8	...	...	16 0		
	Kerrowlee	19 6	30 0	12 8	15 0	31 4	23 12	...	20 0	31 4	...	31 4	200 0	13 2		
	Ulwur	19 11	28 12	6 12	10 8	28 7	23 11	...	14 8	28 11	30 9	39 0	200 0	15 0		
	Bhurtpore (City)	18 0	30 4	7 0	8 4	25 6	24 4	...	15 12	30 4	32 0	37 0	160 0	12 0		
	Ajmere	15 0	28 0	3 0	8 0	30 0	22 0	...	...	27 0	30 0	...	80 0	14 0		
	Deoli Cantonment	21 11	34 15	5 7	11 0	38 0	29 0	...	...	33 9	...	...	230 0	13 0		
	Erinpura	No return received.														
	Sirohee															
	Abu															
	Anadra															
	Bálmere															
	Jeysalmere															
	Hilly Tracts of Meywar	21 0	22 0	...	15 0	...	...	...	...	22 0	32 0	...	†	11 8	† Ten pies per bundle.	
	Meywar (Oodeypore)	14 7½	19 8½	9 6	10 2½	17 15½	12 8	...	14 13½	15 10	18 12	10 2½	200 0	11 5		
	Bánswára (Meywar Agency)	22 8	25 0	7 8	15 0	...	...	...	...	35 0	27 8	...	...	12 8		
	Partábgarh (,,)	No return received.														
	Marwar (Jodhpore)															

PRICES CURRENT OF FOOD-GRAINS THROUGHOUT INDIA FOR THE 2nd HALF OF SEPTEMBER 1886 —*concluded.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Provinces.	Districts.	Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													Remarks.
		Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoideum*).	Ragi or Marua (*Eleusine coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, millet, Italian (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chenna Chola, Kadalay or Sunaga (*Cicer arietinum*).	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thir Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
Rajpootana—*contd.*	Bikaneer	11 1	...	3 9	5 12	...	16 6	...	...	19 9	...	8 0	100 0	14 0	
	Boondee	23 0	36 8	11 0	11 8	38 8	...	...	...	38 8	...	...	200 0	12 0	
	Kotah	22 0	25 0	7 0	9 0	30 0	18 0	...	...	35 0	30 0	20 0	240 0	11 0	
	Tonk	18 1	32 12	8 8	11 12	37 12	...	...	...	37 12	...	...	100 0	13 0	
	Jhallawar	22 9	24 14	8 14	11 13	28 5	14 9½	...	17 11	37 8	35 11	11 13	175 0	10 14	
	Shahpoora	21 4	31 2	9 2	12 10	32 12	24 0	...	...	32 0	32 0	...	160 0	12 12	
	Dholpur	17 7	24 3	9 8	11 8	27 5	25 4	...	22 8	26 7	...	29 15	90 0	13 8	
Central India.	Indore	13 5	21 0	8 9	10 0	30 0	20 0	*	*	20 13	34 4	16 0	100 0	12 0	
	Gwalior	19 0	20 14	7 12	10 0	20 10	20 9	*	14 8	23 9	*	30 7	126 14	10 14	* Not sold.
	Goona	28 8	20 0	9 0	9 8	30 0	*	*	*	45 0	50 0	15 0	200 0	12 0	
	Baghelkhand (Sutna)	21 0	32 8	8 0	16 0	21 0	20 0	*	*	28 0	*	32 8	160 0	12 0	

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Comparative Statement of the Net Indian Sea and Land Customs Revenue (excluding Salt Revenue) for the first six months of the official year 1886-87, and of the fifteen preceding years.

(IN THOUSANDS OF RUPEES.)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS, APRIL TO SEPTEMBER.

YEAR.	BENGAL.				BOMBAY.				SINDH.				MADRAS.				BRITISH BURMA.				TOTAL BRITISH INDIA.					YEAR.
	On Imports of Liquors.	On other Imports.	On Exports.	Total Revenue.	On Imports of Liquors.	On other Imports.	On Exports.	Total Revenue.	On Imports of Liquors.	On other Imports.	On Exports.	Total Revenue.	On Imports of Liquors.	On other Imports.	On Exports.	Total Revenue.	On Imports of Liquors.	On other Imports.	On Exports.	Total Revenue.	On Imports of Liquors.	On other Imports.	Total Import Revenue.	Export Revenue.	Total Revenue.	
1871-72	5,38	36,54	10,61	52,53	3,81	18,83	1,84	24,48	66	50	68	1,84	1,76	6,22	7,32	15,30	78	2,00	9,51	12,29	12,39	64,09	76,48	29,96	1,06,44	1871-72.
1872-73	6,59	36,64	11,34	54,57	2,70	19,48	1,54	23,72	53	49	1,09	2,11	1,94	5,85	5,64	13,43	1,60	2,25	18,00	21,85	13,36	64,71	78,07	37,61	1,15,68	1872-73.
1873-74	5,16	32,43	8,39	45,98	2,91	17,90	1,53	22,34	58	33	58	1,49	1,84	6,68	7,21	15,73	1,62	2,30	14,08	18,00	12,11	59,64	71,75	31,79	1,03,54	1873-74.
1874-75	5,95	38,28	6,22	50,45	3,20	19,74	1,61	24,55	59	30	66	1,55	1,74	6,95	6,74	15,43	2,03	3,18	9,77	14,98	13,51	68,45	81,96	25,00	1,06,96	1874-75.
1875-76	6,14	38,71	7,63	52,48	3,34	20,11	3,40	26,85	62	42	87	1,91	2,10	7,21	6,92	16,23	1,80	2,31	17,51	21,62	14,00	68,76	82,76	36,33	1,19,09	1875-76.
1876-77	6,31	30,89	6,07	43,27	3,92	17,55	52	21,99	70	32	11	1,13	2,82	6,55	4,34	13,71	2,23	2,53	12,40	17,16	15,98	57,84	73,82	23,44	97,26	1876-77.
1877-78	7,05	39,19	7,27	53,51	4,37	21,09	49	25,95	1,08	36	18	1,62	2,56	3,85	85	7,26	2,42	2,72	9,30	14,44	17,48	67,21	84,69	18,09	1,02,78	1877-78.
1878-79	6,55	31,32	6,59	44,46	4,05	18,70	1,07	23,82	91	25	10	1,26	2,97	4,74	2,05	9,76	3,63	3,34	12,94	19,91	18,11	58,35	76,46	22,75	99,21	1878-79.
1879-80	5,92	31,25	4,30	41,47	4,39	15,84	86	21,09	1,49	38	10	1,97	2,64	4,41	2,72	9,77	3,35	3,05	16,89	23,29	17,79	54,93	72,72	24,87	97,59	1879-80.
1880-81	6,57	29,00	5,15	40,72	4,15	22,93	77	27,85	2,11	54	10	2,75	2,39	5,28	4,52	12,19	2,34	3,80	18,30	24,44	17,56	61,55	79,11	28,84	1,07,95	1880-81.
1881-82	6,72	28,20	7,42	42,34	5,03	20,69	72	26,44	1,89	58	14	2,61	2,42	5,02	3,11	10,55	3,33	3,76	21,67	28,76	19,39	58,25	77,64	33,06	1,10,70	1881-82.
1882-83	7,01	...	7,35	14,36	5,12	--1,05*	62	4,69	1,71	3	25	1,99	2,63	1	2,10	4,74	3,99	3	26,41	30,43	20,46	—98*	19,48	36,73	56,21	1882-83.
1883-84	6,93	6	8,99	16,00	5,27	20	52	5,99	1,75	1	20	1,96	2,62	7	2,70	5,39	3,81	8	19,25	23,14	20,40	42	20,82	31,66	52,48	1883-84.
1884-85	5,91	17	4,97	11,05	4,80	19	77	5,76	1,92	2	21	2,15	2,32	1	3,16	5,49	3,82	6	14,08	17,96	18,77	45	19,22	23,19	42,41	1884-85.
1885-86	6,37	9	6,15	12,61	5,64	22	42	6,28	2,12	2	33	2,47	2,38	6	1,61	4,05	3,15	3	22,65	25,83	19,66	42	20,08	31,16	51,24	1885-86.
1886-87	6,40	19	4,96	11,55	5,84	29	52	6,65	2,20	7	44	2,71	3,29	6	2,64	5,99	4,39	6	18,39	22,84	22,12	67	22,79	26,95	49,74	1886-87.

* The amount refunded is greater than the duty collected.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE,
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Calcutta, 21st October 1886.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 20th OCTOBER, 1886.

GENERAL REMARKS.—During the week under report the rainfall has been almost confined to Burma, Madras, Bombay, excluding Sind, Mysore, Berar, Hyderabad, and the Central Provinces. In Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and Central India rain fell in places, but the showers were light.

The *kharif* harvest is in active progress in Bombay, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, and Rajputana, and a good outturn is expected. In the Central Provinces, Berar, Hyderabad, and Central India, where the harvest has not yet commenced, the prospects of the standing *kharif* are improving, the recent rain having been of benefit to the crops. In Mysore the crops are in good condition, and in Coorg the *ragi* has been harvested. In Madras prospects are good, but in some districts the harvest is yielding an outturn below the average.

In Bombay the rice crop is generally good, except in Ahmedabad, where rain is still urgently wanted; and in the Central Provinces the crop has improved by the recent rain. The early rice harvest in Bengal has been completed, and the winter rice generally looks well, though in Behar and East Bengal some injury has been caused to it by floods. Preparations for the winter crops still continue in Assam. In Burma the rice crop promises well.

Sowings for the *rabi* are generally in active progress in Bombay, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Rajputana, and the Central Provinces, though in the last-named province they have been retarded in places by rain. In Bengal, the Punjab, Hyderabad, and Berar sowing has also commenced. In the Punjab rain is needed.

The public health continues to be generally satisfactory everywhere.

Prices are rising in a few districts of the Punjab, fluctuating in the Central Provinces and in Mysore, and falling in Coorg. Elsewhere they are generally stationary.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—(Oct. 20th)		
Bellary . .	Average last week since revised, 2·83; this week, 2·17.	Standing crops generally fair; harvest white *cholum*, outturn below average. Cattle-disease in two taluks.
Kurnool . .	Average last week since revised, ·58; this week, 7·74.	Standing crops fair. Small-pox and cattle-disease in one taluk.
Ganjam . .	Average last week since revised, 3·60; this week, 4·65.	Standing crops paddy and *ragi* in parts affected by excessive rain. Fever in two, slight small-pox in three, and cattle-disease in four taluks.
Kistna . .	Average last week since revised, 2·35; this week, 1·96.	Standing crops in parts damaged by excessive rain; harvest dry grains, outturn below average. River 7·4 feet over anicut. Fever and cholera exist.
Chingleput (Madras) .	Average ·83	Standing crops good; harvest *ragi*, outturn below average. Fever in one and cattle-disease in all taluks.
Coimbatore . .	Average ·17	More rain wanted. Standing crops generally good; harvest wet and dry grains, outturn about average. Fever in one and slight small-pox in two taluks; cattle-disease in one.
Tanjore . .	Average 1·09	Standing crops generally good; harvest wet and dry grains, outturn below average.
Madura . .	Average last week since revised, ·25; this week, ·21.	Fever in one taluk.
Malabar . .	Average 2·70	Harvest first crop paddy, outturn below average. Fever and cattle-disease in one taluk; slight small-pox in seven taluks.
Travancore . .	3·50	Second crop cultivation begun. Small-pox and fever in parts. *General Remarks.*—General prospects good.
Bombay—(Oct. 20th)		
Kurrachee	*Nil*	Weather warm. River at Kotri on 18th, 9 feet 6 inches against 8 feet 6 inches on same date last year. *Kharif* harvesting progressing in eleven talukas. Fever in eleven and cattle-disease in three talukas. Wheat, red rice, and *bajri* in Kurrachee 24, 30 and 32 and in Kotri 26 40 and 40 pounds per rupee, respectively.
Hyderabad . .	*Nil*	Harvesting general throughout the district. River at Kotri on 18th, 9 feet 6 inches against 8 feet 6 inches on same date last year. Small-pox in one, cattle-disease in one, and fever in twelve talukas. Wheat 26, *bajri* 37½, *juari* 40, white rice 20, and red rice 28 pounds per rupee.
Ahmedabad .	*Nil*	Reaping of *kharif* continues. Rain urgently wanted for rice crops. Slight fever in Dholka taluka. Wheat 45 and *bajri* 33 pounds per rupee.
Baroda .	2·25; total 39·29	Public health fair. Crops in fair condition; harvesting of *bajri* commenced in Kadi division. *Bajri* 30, wheat 20, and rice 20 pounds per rupee.
Surat . . .	*Nil*	Standing crops much improved by rainfall during the week and *rabi* crops will also be much benefited. Slight fever in Bárdoli and Párdi talukas. *Juari* 35 and *nagli* 44 pounds per rupee.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bombay—*contd.*		
Nasik . . .	Rain in all talukas, minimum at Peint, ·10; maximum at Nasik, 3·20.	Some damage done to crops in parts of Yeola, Nándgaon, and Málegaon. *Rabi* sowings continue. Public health good. Wheat 28¾, *bajri* 36$\frac{19}{20}$, and rice 20$\frac{13}{20}$ pounds per rupee, respectively.
Colaba (Bombay) .	Rain on 14th and 15th; total of week ·48; total to date 98·91, being 29·19 above average.	Abnormal temperature 1° warm on 14th, 1° cool on 26 and 19th, *nil* on all other days; vapour in air excessive on 14th and 15th; normal on all other days; wind normal from 13th to 15th; abnormal wind southerly from 15th to 19th, and strong from 17th to 19th; thunder on 14th; thunder and lightning on 15th and 16th; lightning on 17th.
Poona . . .	Rain in all talukas, maximum at Sirur, 7·60, minimum at Junnar, 1·55.	Crops good. Late rain has slightly injured *bajri* crops in Khed, Sirur, Bhimthari and Máwal talukas. Public health generally good; slight cattle-disease in Indápur and Haveli talukas. *Bajri* 40 and *juari* 56 pounds in the district and *bajri* 34 and *juari* 48 pounds per rupee in Poona City.
Ahmednagar . .	Nagar, 2·92; Shrigonda, 2·42; Ráhuri 2·30; Sheogaon, 2·21; Karjat, 1·88; Sangamner, 1·58; Párner, 1·30; Newasa, 1·23; Akola, 1·09; Jámkhed, ·88; Kopargaon, ·70.	Reaping of *kharif* throughout the district; *bajri* crops likely to suffer from excessive wet; *rabi* sowing completed in six and commenced in five talukas. Public health good. *Bajri*—maximum 60 and minimum 40 and *juari*—maximum 120 and minimum 48 pounds per rupee.
Sholapur . .	At Sholapur, 1·79; Bársi, 1·83; Mádha, 3·60; Karmála, 2·73; Pandharpur, 3·66; Sángola, 3·80; Málsiras, 5·29.	Standing crops good; *rabi* sowing retarded in parts of Bársi and Mádha talukas owing to excessive rain. *Juari* 69½ and *bajri* 51½ pounds per rupee.
Dharwar . .	Rain throughout the district, varying from 7·58 in Ron to ·35 in Kod.	Rice crops moderate; *juari* and other early crops in good condition; young cotton plants thriving; land being prepared for sowing late crops. Slight fever in three talukas; cattle-disease in Kalghatgi taluka only. Rice 22 and *juari* 54 pounds per rupee.
Kanara . .	At Karwar, 1·59; Coompta, 5·69; Sirsi, 1·57; Haliyál, 1·23; total 142·45.	Harvest nearly completed in Karwar, progressing in other coast talukas and in Haliyál; rice crops good above Ghát. Slight fever in two talukas; public health generally good; cattle-disease in five talukas. Common rice at Karwar 13 and district average 12½ seers per rupee.
Rajkot . . .	·14; total rainfall 35·65.	Weather hot and cloudy. Fever prevailing in parts of Sorath, Hallar and Gohelwad. Harvesting of *bajri* commenced; sowing of gram and wheat in progress. Wheat 32, *bajri* 29, and *juari* 41 pounds per rupee.
		General Remarks.—Fair rain throughout the presidency, except Sind; more rain still wanted in parts of Ahmedábad and the Panch Mahals. Reaping of *kharif* crops and *rabi* sowings progressing almost everywhere; standing crops slightly injured by excessive rain in parts of five districts. Fever in parts of thirteen, cattle-disease in parts of ten districts, and small-pox and cholera in parts of one district.
Bengal—(Oct. 20th)		
Chittagong (Oct. 19th)	*Nil*	Weather sultry and oppressive. Prospects of crops generally fair, but rain wanted; caterpillars continue to cause damage. Prices stationary. Public health good.
Dacca . . .	*Nil*	Prospects of crops good; cultivation of winter crops going on. Public health good.
24-Pergunnahs (Calcutta).	*Nil*	Prospects of crops satisfactory; ploughing for winter crops continues. Public health generally good.
Moorshedabad . .	*Nil*	Weather dry and extremely sultry; an unexpected rise of the Bhagirathi has damaged young *kalai*, otherwise prospects good.
Rungpore . .	*Nil*	Prospects of *amun* good; sugarcane promises well. Fever prevalent.
Burdwan . . .	*Nil*	Prospects of crops good. Some fever, but public health generally good.
Bhagalpur . .	*Nil*	Prospects of late rice good; *rabi* sowings retarded by excessive moisture. A little cholera in the Sadr Subdivision.
Purneah . .	*Nil*	Prospects of crops excellent; ploughing for *rabi* commenced; *bhadoi* harvest over. Price of rice stationary. Health good.
Patna . .	0·36	Paddy in low lands injured by flood, but on high lands promises well; *rabi* sowings retarded owing to lands being wet and under water. Cholera in certain thanas.
Durbhunga . .	*Nil*	Prospects of *aghani* crops, where not destroyed by floods, continue favourable; *rabi* sowings commenced in places. Prices falling slightly. Public health generally good.
Hazaribagh . .	1·9	Weather seasonable. Prospects of rice and other crops continue good. Cholera in Hazaribagh town and in two or three villages, otherwise general health good.
Cuttack .	1·20	Weather cloudy. Early *sarad* rice flowering, late *sarad* doing well. Price of rice unchanged. Public health good.
Midnapore . .	*Nil*	Prospects of rice generally good, but more rain wanted. Fever very prevalent.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*contd.*		
Khoolna	*Nil*	Weather very hot. Harvesting of *aus* finished, with fair outturn; prospects of *amun* fair; slight damage from flood. Prices of rice stationary. Public health fair.
Dinagepore	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Prospects of *amun* and sugarcane good. Public health generally good; cattle-disease in various thanas.
Pubna (Serajgunge)	*Nil*	Prospects of crops good. Health fair.
Gya	0·05	Rice prospects excellent. Irrigation embankments have suffered. *Rabi* cultivation has begun.
Chumparun	*Nil*	Harvesting of *bhadoi* crops nearly finished; paddy, where not destroyed by floods, looks promising. Cholera and small-pox reported from interior. Prices stationary.
		General Remarks.—There was slight rain in Hazaribagh, Cuttack and Patna, but none in the other reporting districts. *Amun* rice is generally promising, though some damage has been done to it by the late floods in Behar and East Bengal; sugarcane and other standing crops are also doing well; *rabi* cultivation is going on, but in Behar the soil is still too wet in many parts. Cholera and fever reported in some districts, but the general health is satisfactory.
N. W. Provinces and Oudh—(Sept. 20th)		
Benares (Sept. 19th)	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Standing crops doing well; *rabi* sowings in progress, prospects favourable. Markets well supplied. Prices fluctuating. Some cases of the usual autumnal fever are reported, otherwise the public health generally good; there is no cattle-disease in the district now.
Gorakhpore („ 18th)	·70 at Sadr	Weather cloudy. Sowing of *rabi* stopped till the weather clears. Health fair. Prices stationary.
Fyzabad („ 19th)	Slight in two tahsils	Prospects of *rabi* crops good. Prices steady. Markets well supplied. Health fairly good.
Lucknow („ 18th)	*Nil*	Fair weather. Wheat and barley being sown. Prospects of harvest crops good. New grain coming in plentifully into the market. Health of people good; condition of cattle fair. Prices steady.
Rae Bareli („ „)	On 16th ·50 at Dalmau, 1·0 at Salon and 1·10 at Sadr.	A very sudden and sharp storm passed over the district, coming first from the north-west. *Rabi* sowings stopped on account of wet and a good many fields will have to be resown. General health fair. Markets well stocked. Prices steady.
Partabgarh („ 19th)	*Nil*	Weather cloudy and close. Gram and peas being generally sown; prospects good. Health of people and cattle good. Prices nearly stationary.
Allahabad („ 18th)	Slight in two tahsils	Harvesting of rice and ploughing for *rabi* sowings continue. Public health and condition of cattle good. Markets well stocked. Prices stationary.
Cawnpore („ 19th)	In five tahsils from ·20 to 2·30.	Crops in good condition; ground being prepared for *rabi*. Prices steady. Fever in places; cattle-disease in three parganas.
Banda („ 18th)	Occasional heavy showers since 15th, rain still falling.	Rain has caused some damage to standing crops and seed where not germinating. Fever disappeared; no cattle-disease. Prices stationary.
Farakhabad („ 19th)	*Nil*	Prospects fair. *Rabi* sowing going on. Health fair.
Sitapur („ „)	*Nil*	The rains seem to have ceased now, and land is being ploughed for *rabi*. Prospects continue favourable, and sickness is on the decrease.
Bareilly („ „)	*Nil*	Tahsildars report crops good everywhere. Cholera still rather bad. Weather better than should be at this season.
Ballia („ 18th)	Slight rain	*Rabi* sowings commenced in some places; sugarcane has slightly suffered from excessive rain, prospects generally good. Fever continues; public health otherwise good.
Kumaon („ 19th)	*Nil*	Weather fine. *Kharif* crops not entirely cut; *rabi* operations commenced. Some *mahamari* cases in pargana Danpur. Cattle-disease decreasing. Prices falling slowly.
Agra („ 18th)	*Nil*	*Kharif* being harvested and *rabi* sowings going on. Prices steady. Fever somewhat prevalent.
Jhansi („ „)	*Nil*	Weather occasionally cloudy. Weeding of *kharif* going on; *rabi* sowing commenced in places. Cattle-disease continues. Prices almost steady.
Meerut („ 19th)	*Nil*	Easterly wind. *Kharif* harvest in full swing; wheat sowings commenced; gram and peas nearly finished; cotton being picked, outturn good; outturn of indigo much above last year's. Prices of wheat show slight upward tendency. Fever still prevalent.
		General Remarks.—Rain has fallen in six of the reporting districts during the week. Prospects are favourable. *Rabi* sowings are continued. Supplies ample and prices are generally steady. Some cases of *mahamari* in pargana Danpur in Kumaon, where cattle-disease is on the decrease; cholera rather bad in Bareilly; fever continues in a few districts, otherwise public health is generally good.
Punjab—(Oct. 20th)		
Delhi (19th)	*Nil*	Health fair. Prices fluctuating. Prospects of *kharif* good.
Hissar	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. Rain very much needed for *rabi* sowings.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—*contd.*		
Umballa . .	*Nil*	Health fair. Prices of wheat and gram rising, of other food-grains stationary. *Kharif* harvesting nearly completed; gram sowing in progress; land being prepared for wheat sowing.
Jullundur . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops being reaped; prospects good; ploughing and sowing for *rabi* in progress.
Amritsar . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary.
Sialkot . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops have ripened; *rabi* sowing in progress.
Ferozepore . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices rising. Rain wanted for *rabi* sowings.
Lahore . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary.
Mooltan . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. Prospects of *kharif* average; *rabi* sowing in progress.
Rawalpindi . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. Prospects of *kharif* average.
Shahpur . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices rising. *Kharif* crops suffering for want of rain; *rabi* sowings commenced.
Dera Ismail Khan .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Rabi* sowings commenced.
Peshawar . .	*Nil*	A few cases of small-pox. Price of wheat rising, of other food-grains stationary. Rain much wanted for *rabi* sowings.
		General Remarks.—No rain during the week. A few cases of small-pox in the Peshawar district, otherwise the health is generally good. Prices rising in the Ferozepore and Shahpur districts and partially so in the Umballa and Peshawar districts, elsewhere they are stationary. *Kharif* being harvested. Rain wanted for *rabi* sowings, which are in progress.
Central Provinces—(Oct. 20th)		
Nagpur . .	2·01	Weather showery. Crops in good condition; sowings somewhat hindered by rain. Fever prevalent. Prices steady.
Jubbulpore . .	1·59	Unseasonable rain. Sowings retarded; damage apprehended to seed sown on lower ground. Health fair. Prices steady.
Saugor (Oct. 19th)	·10	Weather cloudy and showery. Cotton and rice likely to suffer from more rain; *kharif* crops very favourable. Fever prevalent.
Seoni . . .	·59	Weather cloudy and hot. Slight damage to wheat sown but not germinated. Fever prevalent. Prices steady.
Bilaspur . . .	Mungeli and Bilaspur no rain; Seorinarain, 24.	Except for clouds and anxiety to sow early, *rabi* prospects good except in south of Bilaspur Tahsil; rice has improved in the south and east of Seorinarain, but that on highland is entirely lost and from three-fifths to five-sixths of that on *matasi* soil; prospects better on black soil and in hollows. Malarious fever continues, with some cholera. Prices rising. Wheat exported towards Sambalpur and the railway.
Hoshangabad . .	*Nil*	*Rabi* sowings stopped on account of rain. Health good. Prices stationary.
Khandwa . .	·16	Weather cloudy and close. Prospects favourable. *Rabi* sowings commenced. Slight cholera. Prices unchanged.
Raipur	·05	Weather cloudy, but seasonable. Existing rice and other crops good; *rabi* sowings progressing. Fever prevalent. Prices stationary.
Sambalpur (Oct. 16th)	·76	Weather clear. Rain very beneficial to rice; cotton, pulse and oil seeds good. Health good. Prices falling.
		General Remarks.—The weather has been generally rainy and *rabi* sowings have been retarded in some places, but rice has been benefited. Prospects on the whole favourable. Prices steady or falling.
Lower Burma—(Oct. 20th)		
Akyab (Oct. 16th)	*Nil*	Public health good. Slight cattle-disease in one township. Crops healthy.
Bassein	9·93; total rainfall 88·44.	Public health good. One fatal case of cholera in town; cattle healthy. Transplanting finished; plants strong and healthy.
Rangoon . . .	0·68; total rainfall 91·04.	Public health and health of cattle good. Supplies of paddy considerable, but bad in quality.
Amherst (Moulmein) .	0·65; total rainfall 145·52.	Public health and health of cattle good. Prospects of crops good.
Tavoy . .	4·13; total rainfall 206·02.	Public health and health of cattle good. General appearance of crops good.
Pegu . (Oct. 9th)	0·14; total rainfall 110·15.	Public health and health of cattle good.
Do. („ 16th)	1·55; total rainfall 111·70.	Public health good. Cattle-disease in one circle. Crops in good condition.
Henzada . .	0·46; total rainfall 80·39.	Public health and health of cattle good.
Prome (Oct. 9th)	0·80; total rainfall 37·64.	Cholera in two townships. Cattle healthy. Crops are doing well.
Do. („ 16th)	0·58; total rainfall 38·22.	Cholera continues in two townships. Cattle healthy. Crops in good condition.
Tounghoo . .	*Nil*	Public health and health of cattle good. General prospects of crops good. More rain is required for crops in one circle.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Lower Burma—*contd.*		
Thayetmayo (Oct. 9th)	0·64; total rainfall 35·54.	Public health and health of cattle good. Crops healthy.
Do. („ 16th)	0·97; total rainfall 36·51.	Public health and health of cattle good. Crops healthy.
		General Remarks.—A little cholera in three districts, otherwise public health satisfactory; slight cattle-disease in several districts. Crops progressing well. More rain needed in part of Tounghoo district.
Assam—(Oct. 20th)		
Gauhati . .	*Nil*	Weather seasonable; days hot, but nights and mornings cool. General health of the station fair; cholera reported from Barpetá and Nalbari. *Matikalai* sowing commenced; prospects of crops good.
Sylhet . .	*Nil*	State and prospects fair; distress to some extent still prevalent in parts of ten districts.
Cachar . .	*Nil*	Weather very hot. Ploughing and sowing of winter crops progressing. Want of rain felt. Common rice 13¼ seers per rupee. Health good.
Dibrugarh . .	*Nil*	Days hot, nights cool. Land being prepared for mustard; prospects of *sali* crops good. Rain wanted. Tea season closing. Public health fair.
Mysore and Coorg—(Oct. 20th)		
Bangalore . .	The rain has been good in Shemoga, Kadur and Chitaldroog, and in other parts fair.	Rain wanted in Kolar. Crops in good condition; prospects of season favourable. Public health generally good. Prices fluctuating.
Mysore . .		
Mercara . .	·28	*Ragi* crops harvested. Prospects continue good. Prices slightly fallen.
Berar and Hyderabad—(Oct. 20th)		
Amraoti .	2·95	Weather rainy; the fall during the week has been beneficial to the *kharif*, which is in good condition. *Rabi* sowing progressing. Wheat 22 and *juari* 25 seers per rupee.
Akola . .	·15	Weather warm and sultry. Crops in good condition.
Hyderabad . .	Average 3·82; total rainfall 38·92.	Rainfall of week damaged *rabi* sowings and in some places the *abi* crops. Cholera and cattle-disease prevalent in Assufnagar taluk; fever and ague everywhere. Prices—wheat 14, coarse rice 11⅓, white *juari* 21½, yellow *juari* 23½, and *tur* 14 seers per current sicca rupee.
Central India States—(Oct. 20th)		
Indore . . .	·28; total rainfall 32·20.	Weather cloudy and oppressive.
Morar (Gwalior) .	*Nil*	Prospects good.
Neemuch . .	*Nil*	Weather clear and warm. Prices stationary. Crops and public health good.
Goona . . .	·04	Health and prospects good.
Sutna . . .	2·03	Weather cloudy. Crops likely to suffer from rain.
Agar . . .	*Nil*	Health and prospects good.
Sehore . . .	*Nil*	Weather clear. Health good. Rice much injured from want of rain; otherwise prospects good.
Nowgong . .	·50; total rainfall 39·55.	Weather cloudy. *Kharif* prospects fair. Health fair. Prices steady.
Deepawar (Sirdarpur) .	total rainfall 25·38	Weather cloudy. Health good. Prices of food-grains stationary.
Rajputana—(Oct. 20th)		
Abu (Oct. 20th)	*Nil*	Heavy clouds occasionally; weather seasonable but warm. Fever very prevalent.
Sirohi („ 17th)	*Nil*	Tanks fairly full; wells good. Health good. Crops nearly all cut, except *til*. Weather fine and warm.
Marwar („ 16th)	*Nil*	Tanks full. Fever abating. Crops being harvested. Weather clear, warm and close; nights cool. *Rabi* sowings progressing. Prices stationary.
Kherwara („ 17th)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells full. *Rabi* sowings commenced. Health good. Prices steady. Weather hot.
Pertabgarh („ 16th)	·13	Tanks and wells decreasing daily. Health good. Prices fluctuating. Weather hot.
Harowti („ „)	*Nil*	Weather cloudy and windy. *Juari* crops injured by absence of rain. Health good.
Jhallawar („ 17th)	·31	*Juari* being cut. Prices good.
Kotah („ 16th)	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Preparations for *rabi* sowings progressing.
Ajmere („ 19th)	*Nil*	Crops being cut. *Rabi* operations about to commence. Slight fever prevalent throughout district.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Rajputana—*contd.*		
Jeypore (Oct. 19th)	*Nil*	*Moth* crops seriously injured by want of rain.
Kerowlee („ 16th)	*Nil*	Small tanks dry; wells drying. *Dhan* crops considerably damaged; *moth* and *masina* suffering; *rabi* cultivation commenced. Fever continues. Prices rising. Days hot; nights cool.
Dholepore („ 13th)	*Nil*	*Rabi* sowings commenced. Tanks and wells drying. Health good. Prices steady. Days hot; nights cool.
Ulwur („ 19th)	*Nil*	Fever less prevalent. *Kharif* being harvested. Prices steady.
Bikanir („ 16th)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells low. Fever in five districts. Weather hot.
Nepal—(Oct. 19th)		
Katmandu (Oct. 16th)	·06	Rains apparently over. Prospects of rice fair. Weather fair and seasonable.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

No. XXV of 1886-87.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF INDIAN RAILWAYS.

N.B.—As regards the figures in column "*Total Receipts from 1st April to date*," audited figures have been used, as far as possible.

Return received.	Railways.	Total mean length open.	Receipts for week ending 26th Sept. 1885. Total.	Per mile open.	Total mean length open.	Receipts for week ending 25th Sept. 1886. Total.	Per mile open.	Total Receipts from 1st April to 26th Sept. 1885. Total.	Per mile open per week.	Total Receipts from 1st April to 25th Sept. 1886. Total.	Per mile open per week.	Total Increase in 1886-87.	Total Decrease in 1886-87.
	Lines worked by Guaranteed Companies.		*Rs.*	*Rs.*		*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*
...ber 1886	Oudh and Rohilkhand	608	86,556	142	683	98,214	144	27,65,775	178	32,12,268	185	4,46,493	...
...er 1886	Madras	861	1,68,638	196	831	1,68,496	203	36,56,654	166	38,05,931	176	1,49,277	...
...	South Indian	654	85,784	131	654	96,364	147	22,47,581	134	25,55,646	154	3,08,065	...
...	Great Indian Peninsula	1,497	6,32,800	423	1,497	5,39,561	361	1,64,21,075	421	1,86,39,118	490	22,38,043	...
...	Bombay, Baroda and Central India	461	2,42,862	527	461	1,86,000	403	62,45,730	530	66,97,003	571	4,51,273	...
	TOTAL	4,081	12,16,640	298	4,126	10,88,635	264	3,13,36,815	300	3,49,29,966	334	35,93,151	...
	State Lines worked by Guaranteed Companies.												
...er 1886	East Indian	1,515	8,62,676	569	1,515	8,04,736	531	2,24,51,676	579	2,22,99,496	575	...	1,52,180
...	Patna-Gya	57	22,352	391	57	22,730	397	2,31,754	158	2,62,023	180	30,269	...
...	Dildarnagar-Ghazipur	12	570	48	12	589	49	23,675	77	25,702	84	2,027	...
...	Sindia	75	6,018	80	75	6,506	87	1,63,185	85	1,72,772	91	9,587	...
...	Rajputana-Malwa	1,411	2,97,335	211	1,411	2,78,000	197	75,15,928	208	82,82,051	231	7,66,123	...
...	Southern Mahratta	315	20,562	65	315	36,040	114	4,24,422	63	8,64,702	108	4,40,280	...
...	Indian Midland	...	...	...	42	2,713	65	...	...	49,366	46	49,366	...
	TOTAL	3,385	12,09,513	357	3,427	11,51,314	336	3,08,10,640	356	3,19,56,052	372	11,45,412	...
	State Lines worked by Government.												
...mber 1886	Eastern Bengal	233	34,462	148	234	97,874	418	18,94,012	318	22,96,466	386	4,02,454	...
...	Nalhati	27	2,009	74	27	1,222	45	35,569	51	41,079	59	5,510	...
...er 1886	Northern Bengal	249	29,087	117	249	57,060	229	8,73,155	137	11,35,114	179	2,61,959	...
...	Kaunia-Dharla	37	1,552	42	37	2,133	58	59,991	63	51,494	54	...	8,497
...mber 1886	Tirhoot	226	14,616	65	246	24,178	99	6,11,688	105	7,39,605	118	1,27,917	...
...	Cawnpore-Achnera	249	16,048	64	253	23,902	94	4,04,358	64	5,27,794	82	1,23,436	...
...	Wardha Coal	45	5,711	127	45	9,674	215	2,27,405	198	3,15,413	276	88,008	...
...er 1886	Nagpur and Chhattisgarh	149	20,747	139	149	14,138	95	6,50,488	171	6,29,246	166	...	21,242
...	Burma	327	32,634	100	327	45,549	139	9,99,834	136	10,29,039	122	29,205	...
...ember 1886	Cherra-Companyganj	...	...	...	11	24	2	...	...	(*a*) 320	2	320	...
...er 1886	North-Western	1,803	5,52,765	307	1,803	4,76,365	264	1,41,17,971	306	1,23,80,732	279	...	17,37,239
...	Amritsar-Pathankot	66	5,018	76	66	4,760	72	1,43,296	85	1,36,644	81	...	6,652
...	Bareilly-Pilibhit	36	1,095	30	36	1,385	38	34,049	37	44,761	49	10,712	...
...ember 1886	Dacca	86	2,985	35	86	4,636	54	42,120	35	1,25,109	57	82,989	...
...	Jorhat	25	824	33	30	948	32	17,251	27	18,232	24	981	...
	TOTAL	3,558	7,19,553	202	3,599	7,63,848	212	2,01,11,187	221	1,94,71,048	215	...	6,40,139
	TOTAL (Guaranteed and State)	11,024	31,45,706	285	11,152	30,03,797	269	8,22,58,642	292	8,63,57,066	306	40,98,424	...
	Estimated Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,01,19,616	142	4,51,60,911	160	...	...
	Net Receipts	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,21,39,026	150	4,11,96,155	146	...	9,42,871
	Assisted Companies.												
...r 1886	Bengal-Central	125	5,083	41	125	10,066	81	2,63,375	82	2,87,058	90	23,683	...
...1886	Rohilkhand-Kumaon	67	3,743	56	67	4,986	74	1,15,410	67	1,53,894	90	38,484	...
...mber 1886	Assam	78	4,073	60	78	6,039	77	1,15,458	58	1,68,083	85	52,625	...
...er 1886	Bengal and North-Western	303	19,701	65	303	28,540	94	5,90,824	69	9,88,763	128	3,97,939	...
...	Tarakessur	22	3,915	178	22	3,733	169	1,24,324	221	1,23,544	218	...	780
	TOTAL	595	37,115	62	595	53,364	90	12,09,391	79	17,21,342	113	5,11,951	...
	Native States.												
...ber 1886	Bhavnagar-Gondal	193	13,241	69	193	12,718	66	4,95,016	100	4,97,903	102	2,887	...
...	Jodhpore	64	3,550	55	64	4,780	75	80,928	50	98,258	60	17,330	...
...mber 1886	Nizam's	121	19,008	157	208	32,766	158	5,75,191	186	6,92,020	131	1,16,829	...
...	Mysore	140	8,247	59	140	8,493	61	2,02,730	57	2,10,731	60	8,001	...
...er 1886	Rajpura-Patiala	16	825	52	16	1,047	66	19,297	47	27,709	68	8,412	...
...	Morvi	...	...	...	24	322	13	...	...	20,956	34	20,956	...
	TOTAL	534	44,871	84	645	60,126	93	13,73,162	100	15,47,577	94	1,74,415	...

(*a*) Total receipts from 16th June to 25th September 1886.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE STATEMENT OF PRICES CURRENT (RETAIL) OF FOOD-GRAINS FOR THE 2nd HALF OF JUNE AND 1st AND 2nd HALVES OF SEPTEMBER 1886, PUBLISHED IN PAGES 1036, 1385, AND 1441 OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE "GAZETTE OF INDIA," DATED 24th JULY AND 16th AND 23rd OCTOBER 1886.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
		Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													Average Wages per month.		
Province.	District.	Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoideum*).	Marua or Ragi (*Eleusine Coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, Italian millet (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chenna, Chola, Kadalay or Sunaga (*Cicer arietinum*).	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thúr Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	Able-bodied Agricultural Labourer.	Syce or Horse keeper.	Common Mason, Carpenter, or Blacksmith.
	2nd half of June 1886.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	R a. p.	R a. p.	R a. p.
Punjab.	Kohat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 0 0	11 8 0	22 8 0
	1st half of September 1886.																
	Partabgarh (Meywar Agency)	18 12	22 8	10 0	11 14	20 0	18 12	...	...	21 4	22 8	21 14	...	17 4	...	...	...
	2nd half of September 1886.																
Rajputana.	Erinpura	17 4	31 8	...	8 8	23 0	22 0	...	...	26 8	...	...	6 0	14 0	...	...	...
	Sirohi	17 0	30 0	6 0	8 0	20 0	20 0	...	20 0	15 0	25 8	19 0	5 0	14 0	...	...	...
	Abu	13 12	20 0	5 8	7 8	...	18 0	...	...	17 8	...	10 0	...	13 0	...	...	...
	Anadra	17 15	25 0	6 0	8 0	...	20 8	...	...	20 0	...	12 0	...	13 10	...	...	...
	Balmere	18 0	...	5 0	9 0	...	28 0	...	...	16 0	...	...	6 0	18 6	...	...	...
	Jeysalmere	12 10	...	10 6	12 10	18 8	16 10	...	...	14 10	...	...	...	25 9	...	...	...
	Partabgarh (Mewar Agency)	19 1	22 8	10 0	14 5	20 0	18 12	...	...	21 4	30 0	...	...	17 4	...	...	...
	Marwar (Jodhpore)	17 8	25 0	6 4	7 8	25 0	23 12	...	...	25 0	25 0	...	...	16 9	...	...	...

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE,
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA, ASSEMBLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF PARLIAMENT 24 & 25 VIC., CAP. 67.

The Council met at Viceregal Lodge, Simla, on Thursday, the 21st October, 1886.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.M.S.I., G.M.I.E., P.C., *presiding*.

The Hon'ble C. P. Ilbert, C.S.I., C.I.E.

The Hon'ble Sir T. C. Hope, K.C.S.I., C.I.E.

The Hon'ble Sir A. Colvin, K.C.M.G., C.I.E.

The Hon'ble Major-General G. T. Chesney, R.E., C.S.I., C.I.E.

The Hon'ble Colonel W. G. Davies, C.S.I.

The Hon'ble J. B. Peile, M.A., C.S.I.

SIR HERBERT MACPHERSON'S DEATH.

His Excellency THE PRESIDENT SAID:—Before the Council proceeds to its ordinary business I desire to take this opportunity of expressing, in the name of the Government of India, the deep sorrow and concern with which we have heard of the death of one of our most distinguished Generals—Sir Herbert Macpherson. Until yesterday morning we had received no intimation even of his being unwell. On first reaching Mandalay, indeed, he noted in one of his letters to the Commander-in-Chief that he had suffered from a slight touch of the sun, but he spoke lightly of the matter, and from his subsequent correspondence there was no appearance of its having produced any inconvenient effects.

"During the short time that he has remained in command in Burma he devoted himself unremittingly to the arduous duties which he had undertaken, and he travelled about the country in various directions, and eventually went up to Bhamo. It is to be presumed that on his return he must have contracted the fatal fever of which he died. It was on his way out to sea, whither he was being taken in the hope of the sea air proving beneficial to him, that he expired.

"In Sir Herbert Macpherson both India and England have lost a most talented and trustworthy officer, as well as a gallant and noble soldier. He has died in the discharge of his duty, and I have taken upon myself to communicate to his family in the name of my colleagues our deep sympathy and regret. I have received a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen in which She also expresses Her deep sorrow at the calamity—for it is no less—which has, thus suddenly, overtaken Herself and the country."

DEKKHAN AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF BILL.

The Hon'ble SIR THEODORE HOPE presented the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Acts, 1879 to 1882.

The Hon'ble SIR THEODORE HOPE also moved that the Report be taken into consideration. He said:—

"In making this motion I have merely to state that the Select Committee have found very little to alter in the Bill as originally introduced. On the suggestion of the Governor of Bombay in Council we have, I think I may say *ex majore cantelâ*, defined the expression 'standing crops' so as to make it perfectly clear

that it includes garden-produce attached to trees or to the soil. We have also made an amendment (which is perhaps the only amendment worthy of specific notice) in the section relating to documents which are registered by the Village-Registrar. In the Bill it was contemplated that the Village-Registrar should no longer make an exact transcript of a deed into his register, but merely an abstract. From further consideration, however, and communication with the local authorities of Bombay, it appears doubtful whether persons of the comparatively scant education and want of legal knowledge, which may not unfairly be considered characteristics of the Village-Registrars, would be able to make a trustworthy summary of documents. We have therefore thought it better to leave the law as it is, and to let the documents still be transcribed *verbatim* into the books. At the same time this does not alter the provision originally contemplated that any person who wishes to have a copy of what has been registered shall receive one, but now, instead of getting a copy merely of the abstract made by the Village-Registrar, he will get one of the document itself whenever he desires to have it.

"We have taken the opportunity of correcting a trifling misprint which, singular to say, seems to have survived from 1879 up to the present time the scrutiny of all officers concerned.

"We have likewise added what I may term a somewhat routine section in order that persons having claims of a certain description, mentioned in section 3, clause (*x*), may not be prejudiced by the application of the special rules of limitation prescribed in section 72 being restricted to suits of the kind mentioned in section 3, clause (*w*).

"The papers which we have received from Bombay contain a variety of very interesting remarks upon the Act itself, introduced apparently *apropos* of section 3 of the Bill, by which the Local Government receives power to extend it, with the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council, to other parts of the Bombay Presidency. To a very large extent these comments are satisfactory; in certain cases the opinion is not so favourable to such an extension; but after carefully considering them I venture to think that such objections as have been brought forward are not in any respect different from those which on previous occasions have been laid before this Council and have not been held to justify hesitation in extending the benefits of the Act."

The Hon'ble MR. PEILE said:—"I think that the amendments in the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Acts proposed in this Bill should be adopted. I was concerned, as a member of the Bombay Government, in the inquiries and discussion which preceded the introduction of this Bill; and though observation of the working of the Act did not fall within my special province, yet as a measure affecting the interests of the agricultural classes I have given attention to it. The exceptional character of this legislation imposes caution in declaring it a confirmed success, but I think that, with some conflict of opinion, the balance of evidence is distinctly in favour of the Act. Its procedure, as it will be amended by this Bill, appears to me so beneficial that in part at least it may well be extended to other districts under the power given by the third section of this Bill. That procedure is acceptable to the agricultural classes because it is simple and intelligible to them, and in conformity with their customs and traditions. The principles of that procedure are that the debtor and creditor should be brought face to face. That can always be done under the amendment in section 8 of this Bill—a section which will no doubt require to be carefully watched in its effect. They are then led, if possible, to an amicable compromise, and if that is not possible their confused accounts are turned inside out by the Court, the agriculturist is told what he owes, instalments are fixed if necessary according to his means, and he is required to pay them out of the produce which he raises from his land. This latter obligation will be enforced by the amendment made in section 7 of this Bill, and I trust that that amendment will remove any sense of grievance under which the creditors have hitherto suffered. The great advantage of the Act is that, while providing for the payment of debt, it maintains the agriculturist in the possession and use of his holding. In this sense this legislation is a complement of the revenue law and practice in Bombay, which

ensures to the holder of land under Government a position of exceptional stability and security. It is held that the merits of the Act can only be finally tested by a famine, and that in that case loans may not be forthcoming. No doubt famine puts a severe strain on agricultural credit and temporarily depreciates the value of land as a security. But a load of ancestral debt has been cleared off, and if perhaps under that process some hardship has been felt by creditors yet the provisions of the Act are not prohibitive of fair money-dealing in the future. Sahukárs are not sentimental, and I presume that a business man would not consider an agricultural holding a less desirable security for a loan because it has been cleared from previous encumbrances."

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble SIR THEODORE HOPE also moved that the Bill, as amended, be passed.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL.

The Hon'ble SIR THEODORE HOPE also moved for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes. He said :—

"In making this motion I should explain that the necessity for this Bill was demonstrated about three or four years ago, when we suddenly had an influx into India of companies and promoters of companies for the purpose of electric lighting. These companies proposed to start operations, and actually did in some cases start them, in some of the principal towns of India. But when we desired to regulate their proceedings with a view to the safety of the public and the prevention of interference with our own telegraphic system, we found that we were without the legal means of doing so. As regards the public, it is probably well known that there is considerable danger arising from electric light connections in consequence of the currents used in the production of the light being of very great strength. They are so powerful as to cause instant death to any person who comes in contact with them, or to set fire to any inflammable material which lies on the wires while the currents are passing. Again, when electric light wires pass within a certain distance of telegraph or telephone wires, obstructive currents are liable to pass from one to the other, which of course entirely put a stop to the use of the telegraph and telephone for the time being. In order to meet these two difficulties the Bill proposes, as regards protection, that the wires or communications should be put in such a position that contact is impossible, or that they should be so covered with insulating material that contact with them will produce no evil results. As regards interference with the telegraph and telephone wires, the only thing that can be done is to take care that the electric light wires are placed sufficiently far off. That again is an extremely technical matter, and is dependent on the strength of the current used and local circumstances. The Bill therefore provides, in order to secure all these purposes, that any company which desires to supply electricity must take out a license from the Governor General in Council; in this license regulations and conditions will be provided suitable for the particular circumstances of the occasion."

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble SIR THEODORE HOPE also introduced the Bill.

The Hon'ble SIR THEODORE HOPE also moved that the Bill and Statement of Objects and Reasons be published in the Gazette of India in English and in the local official Gazettes in English and in such other languages as the Local Governments think fit.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

GLANDERS AND FARCY BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. ILBERT moved that the Bill to extend the Glanders and Farcy Act, 1879, to the Bombay Presidency be taken into consideration. He explained that the Bill had received the approval of the Bombay

Government, and he thought there was no reason why it should not be passed into law without further delay.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble MR. ILBERT also moved that the Bill be passed.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

BENGAL CIVIL COURTS BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. ILBERT also presented the Preliminary Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the law relating to Civil Courts in Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Assam. He said:—

"This Bill was introduced by my predecessor in 1881 with a view of removing certain minor defects in the Bengal Civil Courts Act. It was referred to a Select Committee and circulated for opinion, but its further progress was suspended by the revival of a scheme for establishing local Appellate Benches in Bengal—a scheme which is still in abeyance in consequence of financial and other difficulties. The amendments proposed by the Bill, though useful, can hardly be described as of urgent importance, and I should have been content to leave the measure to slumber a little longer in the archives of the Legislative Department but for the circumstance that there is before the Legislative Council another Bill which ought to be passed at an early date and which may affect the Bengal Civil Courts Act. I refer to the Bill to amend the law relating to Provincial Small Cause Courts. Under these circumstances I have taken upon myself, as the single representative of the Committee on the Bengal Civil Courts Bill, to have that Bill revised in accordance with the opinions that have been received, and to prepare a Report explaining the nature of the amendments which have been made, and recommending that the Bill, as amended, be re-published. And I propose to move that the Select Committee be reinforced by the addition of those members of the Committee on the Small Cause Courts Bill who are connected officially or otherwise with the Provinces to which the Civil Courts Act applies, in order that the two measures—the Civil Courts Bill and the Small Cause Courts Bill—may be considered together. Whether a single member of the Committee is technically competent to submit a Report on behalf of the whole Committee may possibly be open to doubt; but in view of the obvious convenience of the course which I propose for adoption, and of the fact that it will not in any way fetter the action either of my successor or of the Council or of any one else, I trust that the irregularity, if any, may be condoned."

The Hon'ble MR. ILBERT also moved that the Bill to amend the law relating to Civil Courts in Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Assam be re-published.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble MR. ILBERT also moved that the Hon'ble Mr. Peile, the Hon'ble Mr. Quinton and the Hon'ble Bábú Peári Mohan Mukerji be added to the Select Committee on the Bill.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned *sine die*.

S. HARVEY JAMES,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Legislative Department.

SIMLA;
The 27th October, 1886.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 27th OCTOBER, 1886.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Rain has fallen generally throughout the country during the week under report, except in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and in the Punjab, where none fell. In Bengal there were slight showers in a few districts.

In Bombay, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Punjab, and Rajputana the *kharif* harvest progresses and promises well, though in Bombay some injury has been caused by late rains. Reaping has also commenced in the Central Provinces, where the standing crops have been damaged by rain and cloudy weather. In Berar, Hyderabad, and Central India the prospects of the crops are satisfactory. Coffee-picking has commenced in Coorg, and in Mysore the standing crops are in good condition. Prospects in Madras are good.

In Bombay and the Central Provinces the rice crop has been benefited by the recent rain, and in Bengal the crop is healthy. In Burma the rice crop is doing well everywhere. Preparations for the winter crops continue in Assam.

Sowings for the *rabi* are in progress generally throughout the country, but in parts of Bombay and the Central Provinces they have been retarded by heavy rain.

Cotton-picking has commenced in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, but in Berar the crop is likely to suffer if more rain falls.

The public health continues generally good.

Prices are rising in two districts of the Punjab and falling in Coorg. Elsewhere they are generally stationary.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—(Oct. 27th)		
Bellary . .	Average ·03	Standing crops generally fair; harvest dry grains, outturn about average.
Kurnool . .	Average last week since revised, 9·57; this week, ·50.	Standing crops fair, but paddy under canal suffering from want of water owing to breach; harvest early cereals, outturn below average. Small-pox in one and cattle-disease in three taluks.
Ganjam . .	Average last week since revised, 4·78; this week, 3·78.	Standing crops paddy thriving. Fever in two, slight small-pox and cattle-disease in three taluks; cholera exists.
Kistna . .	Average last week since revised, 4·55; this week, 1·83.	Standing crops good, but early dry crops in parts damaged by excessive rain; harvest dry crops, outturn about average. River 5·6 feet over anicut. Cholera and cattle-disease exist.
Chingleput (Madras) .	Average 1·07	Standing crops good; harvest paddy and *ragi*, outturn below average. Cattle-disease in five taluks.
Combatore . .	Average ·29	Standing crops generally good; harvest wet and dry grains, outturn generally above average, but *cumbu* in parts below average. Fever in one and small-pox in two taluks.
Tanjore . .	Average 1·12	Standing crops generally good; harvest wet and dry grains, outturn below average.
Madura . .	Average last week since revised, ·23; this week, ·37.	Slight fever in parts.
Malabar . .	Average 4·7	Harvest first crop paddy completed; second crop cultivation progressing. Fever and cattle-disease in one and slight small-pox in eight taluks
Travancore . .	·94	Second crop cultivation commenced. Small-pox and fever in parts. *General Remarks.*—General prospects good.
Bombay—(Oct. 27th)		
Kurrachee	*Nil*	River at Kotri on 25th, 8 feet against 7 feet 11 inches on same date last year. Fever and cattle-disease in three talukas. Wheat, red rice, and *bajri* in Kurrachee 24, 30 and 32 and in Ghorabari *nil*, 20 and 18 pounds per rupee, respectively.
Hyderabad . .	*Nil*	*Kharif* harvesting continued. River at Kotri on 25th, 8 feet against 7 feet 11 inches on same date last year. Fever in eleven, small-pox in one, and cattle-disease in three talukas. Wheat 26, *bajri* 38, *juari* 40, white rice 20 and red rice 26 pounds per rupee.
Ahmedabad . .	·15; total 33·35	Reaping of *kharif* and sowing of *rabi* continue. Light showers of rain in all talukas throughout the district, except Parantij and Viramgam. Slight fever in Dholka taluka. Wheat 34 and *bajri* 32 pounds per rupee.
Baroda . .	.....	No report received.
Surat . .	*Nil*	Harvesting of *kharif* and preparations for *rabi* crops commenced in some talukas. Slight fever in Bardoli taluka. *Juari* 35 and *nagli* 47 pounds per rupee.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bombay—*contd.*		
Nasik	Rain throughout the district, maximum at Nándgaon, 3·15; minimum at Igatpuri, ·64.	*Kharif* crops especially *bajri*, are damaged by rain; *rabi* sowings in progress in Nasik, Niphad, Nándgaon and Baglan talukas; in other talukas it is retarded owing to the rainfall. Public health generally good. Wheat 28¾, *bajri* 36$\frac{38}{40}$ and rice 20$\frac{38}{40}$ pounds per rupee, respectively.
Colaba (Bombay)	Rain on 24th; total of week ·12; total to date 99·10, being 28·99 above average.	Abnormal temperature 2° cool on 20th and 21st, 1° cool from 22nd to 25th, and *nil* on 26th; vapour in air normal on 20th and 23rd, excessive on all other days; abnormal wind southerly and strong from 20th to 22nd, south-westerly on 23rd and 26th, wind normal on all other days; thunderstorm on 24th.
Poona	Rain throughout the district, maximum at Petha Baramati, 2·64; minimum at Purandhar, ·29.	Crops good. Late fall of rain has slightly injured *kharif* crops. Public health generally good; slight cattle-disease in Indápur and Haveli talukas. *Bajri* 41 and *juari* 59 pounds in the district and *bajri* 37 and *juari* 52 pounds per rupee in Poona City.
Ahmednagar	At Newasa, 3·62; Ráhuri, 3·31; Sheogaon, 2·88; Shrigonda, 2·44; Nagar, 2·01; Jámkhed, 1·83; Akola, 1·62; Karjat, ·89; Kopargaon, ·35; Sangamner, ·23; Párner, ·20.	*Kharif* reaping nearly finished; crop has suffered from excessive rain which also retards *rabi* sowings. Public health good. *Bajri*—maximum 70 and minimum 42 and *juari*—maximum 120 and minimum 48 pounds per rupee.
Sholapur	Rain in all talukas, excessive rain in Sholapur, Bársi, Karmála, and Málsiras talukas.	Standing crops good on the whole; *rabi* sowing almost completed. Cattle-disease in parts of Bársi taluka. *Juari* 73 pounds 15 tolas and *bajri* 49 pounds 35 tolas per rupee.
Dharwar	Rain at five stations varying from 1·33 in Ron to ·06 in Ranibennur; *nil* in others.	Western talukas require more rain for rice crops which are moderate; *juari* and early crops good; sowing of wheat and grain commenced. Fever in Kalghatgi and Bankapur; cattle-disease in Kod. Rice 23 and *juari* 56 pounds per rupee.
Kanara	At Karwar, ·52; Coompta, ·55; Sirsi, ·84; Haliyál, ·82; total 142·97.	Harvest continues on coast and parts of above Ghât talukas. Fever in Mundgod; public health generally good; cattle-disease in five talukas. Common rice in Karwar 13 and district average 12½ seers per rupee.
Rajkot	·09; total 35·74	Weather hot. General health fair; fever prevalent. Harvesting of *bajri* continues. Wheat 33, *bajri* 30 and *juari* 42 pounds per rupee.
		General Remarks.—More or less rain in all districts of the Presidency Proper. Crops slightly damaged by untimely rainfall in parts of the Deccan and of the districts of Tanna, Ratnagiri and Broach. Reaping of *kharif* crops and *rabi* sowings continue almost everywhere. Fever in parts of twelve and cattle-disease in parts of ten districts and small-pox and cholera in parts of one district.
Bengal—**(Oct. 27th)**		
Chittagong	3·48	Weather variable. Prospects of standing crops fair; preparations being made for winter crops. Prices stationary. Public health good.
Dacca	*Nil*	Prospects good; sowing of winter crops commenced. Public health good.
24-Pergunnahs (Calcutta).	0·30	Prospects satisfactory; cultivation of cold weather crops continues. Public health good.
Moorshedabad	*Nil*	Weather still rainless and sultry, with cool mornings. Indigo and cold weather crops being sown; sugarcane looking well; *amun* rice prospering. Fever prevailing with sporadic cholera.
Rungpore	0·29	Crops have good prospects. Fever and bowel-complaints prevalent.
Burdwan	*Nil*	Prospects excellent. Fever prevalent.
Bhagalpur	*Nil*	Prospects good; *rabi* sowings in progress. A little cholera in Sadr subdivision.
Purneah	*Nil*	Prospects excellent; *rabi* cultivation commenced. Prices unchanged. Public health good.
Patna	*Nil*	Prospects of paddy, where not destroyed by flood, favourable; *rabi* being sown; castor, *rahar* and cotton growing well. Cholera in certain thanas, otherwise public health good.
Durbhunga	*Nil*	Prospects of paddy favourable; *rabi* cultivation continues. Prices falling slightly. Public health good.
Hazaribagh	0·4	Weather bright and warm. Prospects of rice crops excellent all over district; cultivation of *rabi* commenced; land being prepared for poppy. General health fair.
Cuttack	2·7	Weather bright. Prospects of *sarad* rice assured, higher *sarad* in ear. Prices of rice falling. Public health generally good.
Midnapore	*Nil*	Prospects of crops generally good, but rain wanted. Fever very prevalent.
Khoolna	0·32	Weather very hot. Early *amun* in ear; prospects fair. Price of rice stationary. Public health fair.
Dinagepore	0·13	Mornings cool, days hot. *Amun* paddy and sugarcane doing well. Public health fair.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*contd.*		
Pubna (Serajgunge) .	*Nil*	Crops doing well. Public health fair.
Gya . .	*Nil*	Rice prospects good; *rabi* cultivation backward. Prices stationary. Cholera still reported.
Chumparun . .	*Nil*	Fine weather has improved prospects which are favourable. Prices almost stationary. Some cases of cholera and fever reported from interior.
		General Remarks.—There has been slight rain in some districts, but in Chittagong and Cuttack the fall was heavy; more rain is wanted in Midnapore. Prospects of rice crops are good. Weather variable. Prices generally stationary. Winter sowings in progress. Fever prevalent in certain districts and sporadic cholera and bowel-complaints reported from others, otherwise public health is good.
N. W. Provinces and Oudh—**(Oct. 27th)**		
Benares (Oct. 26th)	*Nil*	Weather abnormally warm. Prospects generally good. Markets well stocked. Prices slightly fluctuating. Some cases of cholera and the usual autumnal fever are still reported, otherwise the public health is good.
Ballia („ 25th)	*Nil*	Sky clear. Sowings commenced; gram and peas being generally sown. Prices steady. Supplies plentiful. General health good.
Gorakhpore („ „)	*Nil*	Weather clear. *Rabi* sowing in full progress. Prices stationary. Health fair.
Fyzabad („ 26th)	*Nil*	Weather sultry. *Rabi* crop promises well. Prices steady. Health of men and cattle fairly good.
Lucknow („ 25th)	*Nil*	Weather clear. *Rabi* sowings nearly done; *hewant* crop doing well. Markets well supplied. Prices stationary. Some cases of fever in the city and tahsil Lucknow; cattle-disease reported from all the tahsils.
Rae Bareli („ „)	*Nil*	Weather cloudy. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Supplies ample. Prices unchanged. Public health fair; some cases of cattle-disease reported from tahsils Dalmau and Salon.
Partabgarh („ 26th)	*Nil*	Weather continues cloudy. *Rabi* sowings steadily carried on. Prices show a tendency to fall. Prospects good, and condition of the people and cattle fair.
Allahabad („ „)	*Nil*	Weather getting cooler. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Markets well supplied. Prices stationary. Health good.
Cawnpore („ „)	*Nil*	Sky cloudy at times. Crops in good condition; *rabi* sowings commenced. Prices stationary. Fever in six tahsils; slight cattle-disease in two parganas.
Farakhabad („ „)	*Nil*	*Rabi* sowings in progress; *bajri* being cut. Health fair.
Sitapur („ „)	*Nil*	*Rabi* sowings are in progress, and seed is germinating well. Cases of cholera continue to be reported.
Bareilly („ 27th)	*Nil*	Weather still warm for the time of year. *Kharif* promises well. Prices steady. Cholera and fever still prevalent.
Banda („ 25th)	Rain on 23rd	Slight injury caused to standing crops by cloudy weather and rain, otherwise *kharif* crops coming on well; cotton being picked; *rabi* sowings retarded in places by excessive moisture. Prices steady. Fever still prevalent; cattle-disease in two villages.
Kumaon („ 26th)	*Nil*	Weather fine. *Kharif* crops not yet harvested in cold parts; *rabi* operations in progress. Prices falling. *Mahamari* disease in Danpur abating; cattle-disease decreased.
Agra („ 25th)	*Nil*	*Kharif* crops harvested and *rabi* sowings in progress. Prices falling slightly. Fever continues.
Jhansi („ „)	Average ·30	Weather occasionally cloudy. *Kharif* crops doing well; *rabi* sowings in progress. Markets well stocked. Slight cattle-disease.
Meerut („ 26th)	*Nil*	Cold weather practically commenced. *Kharif* harvest in progress and wheat sowing commenced. Prices of wheat and barley rising as usual at this time. Supplies sufficient. Fever still prevalent.
		General Remarks.—Weather more settled and turning cooler. Slight injury to standing crops in Banda by cloudy weather and rain, otherwise *kharif* prospects good everywhere; *rabi* sowings in progress. Supplies ample and prices generally steady. Cases of cholera and fever continue to be reported; cattle-disease in a few places.
Punjab—**(Oct. 27th)**		
Delhi (26th) . .	*Nil*	Health fair. Prices fluctuating. *Kharif* reapings commenced.
Hissar . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary.
Umballa . .	*Nil*	Health fair. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops harvested; gram and barley sown.
Jullundur . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices slightly rising. *Kharif* crops being reaped; *rabi* sowings in progress.
Amritsar . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary.
Sialkot . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops being gathered; *rabi* sowings progressing; prospects favourable.
Ferozepore . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. Rain wanted for *rabi* sowings.
Lahore . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary.
Rawalpindi . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops being reaped.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—*contd.*		
Shahpur . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices almost stationary. *Kharif* crops being reaped.
Mooltan . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops being reaped; *rabi* sowings in progress.
Dera Ismail Khan .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Rabi* sowings commenced.
Peshawar . .	*Nil*	Small-pox decreasing. Prices of wheat and barley rising, of other food-grains stationary. *Kharif* crops good in irrigated lands. Rain wanted for *rabi* sowings.
		General Remarks.—No rain during the week. Health generally good; small-pox in the Peshawar district decreasing. Prices in the Jullundur district and of wheat and barley in the Peshawar district rising, elsewhere they are generally stationary. *Kharif* being harvested; *rabi* sowings in progress.
Central Provinces—(Oct. 27th)		
Nagpur . .	4·48	Weather cloudy and showery. Crops fair; linseed sowings completed, others in progress.
Jubbulpore (Oct. 26th)	·27	Weather cloudy. Rain injurious to *rabi* sowings in low ground and to standing *kharif* crops; sowings stopped. Health fair. Prices steady.
Saugor . .	.....	No report received.
Seoni . . .	1·36	Weather cloudy and hot. *Rabi* sowings temporarily stopped. Fever prevalent. Prices high.
Hoshangabad . .	·45	Sowings hindered. Prices stationary. Health good.
Bilaspur . . .	*Nil*	In tahsil Bilaspur early sowings doing well; linseed suffering from cloudy weather and heat. Great scarcity of water in tahsil Mungeli. *Kharif* harvest and *rabi* sowings in progress in tahsil Seorinarain; harvest commenced; *rabi* crops doing fairly. Wheat and gram being exported. Fever and cholera in places.
Khandwa . .	1·	Weather cloudy and close. Rain damaging cotton, *til* and newly sown wheat. Prices stationary.
Raipur . . .	2·66	Weather close and cloudy. Rice crops benefited by rain, but *rabi* sowings damaged. Land ready for wheat seed. Fever prevalent. Prices slightly fallen.
Sambalpur . .	.....	No report received.
		General Remarks.—The long continued rain and cloudy weather are damaging the standing crops in places and retarding he *rabi* sowings. Clear weather required. *Kharif* harvest commencing. Prices generally steady.
Lower Burma—(Oct. 27th)		
Akyab (Oct. 23rd)	8·17; total rainfall 139·72.	Public health and health of cattle good. Crops healthy.
Bassein . . .	4·24; total rainfall 92·68.	A few sporadic cases of cholera in town; slight cattle-disease in one circle. Rice plants strong and healthy.
Rangoon . .	5·70; total rainfall 96·74.	Public health and health of cattle good. Supplies of paddy fair for time of year.
Amherst (Moulmein) .	7·40; total rainfall 155·92.	Public health and health of cattle good. Propects of crops good.
Tavoy . .	8·12; total rainfall 214·15.	Public health and health of cattle good. General appearance of crops good.
Pegu . .	4·30; total rainfall 116·0.	Public health and health of cattle good.
Henzada . .	4·08; total rainfall 84·47.	Public health and health of cattle good.
Prome . .	3·56; total rainfall 41·78.	Cholera still prevails in one township. Cattle healthy. Crops in good condition.
Tounghoo . .	2·70; total rainfall 77·26.	A few fatal cases of cholera. Cattle healthy. Crop prospects good.
Thayetmayo . .	0·10½; total rainfall 36·61½.	Public health and health of cattle good. Crops healthy.
		General Remarks.—Cholera prevalent in Paungdè subdivision, Prome district, and slight in parts of Tharrawaddy, Bassein, Shwegyin, and Tounghoo districts, otherwise public health good; slight cattle-disease in Hanthawaddy and Bassein districts. Crops everywhere doing well. Relief works started in Gyaing-Ataran township, Amherst district, where scarcity of food exists among a few villages.
Assam—(Oct. 27th)		
Gauhati . .	1·33; during week ending 26th instant.	Weather seasonable; days hot, but nights and mornings cool. Cases of cholera reported in the Sadr station and jail, also in Barpetá station and Lock-up, and at Nalbari on north bank. *Matikalai* sowing in progress; ploughing land for mustard commenced; prospects of crops good.
Sylhet . .	4·20	State and prospects as last week.
Cachar . .	*Nil*	Days warm, nights cool. Prospects of rice crops not favourable for want of rain; ploughing and sowing of winter crops in progress. Common rice 14 seers and 3 chittacks per rupee. Prospects of tea and health good.
Dibrugarh . .	2·89	Weather rainy. Prospects of *matikalai* and *sali* crops good; mustard being sown. Public health fair.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Mysore and Coorg—(Oct. 27th)		
Bangalore	Rain has been general throughout the State.	Crops in good condition; prospects favourable. Public health generally good. No material change in prices.
Mysore		
Mercara	2·74	Picking of coffee crop commenced; prospects good. Prices slightly fallen.
Berar and Hyderabad—(Oct. 27th)		
Amraoti	1·12	Weather warm. Cotton is likely to suffer from any more rain. *Kharif* crops are very favourable. Wheat 22 and *juari* 26 seers per rupee.
Akola	1·06	Crops in good condition; *rabi* sowings progressing.
Hyderabad	·60; total from 1st January 39·52.	Standing crops recovered from the ill effects produced by rain of last week. Fever and ague continue to prevail; cholera abated. Prices—wheat 14, coarse rice 11, white *juar* 18½, yellow *juar* 19 and *tur* 14¼ seers per current sicca rupee.
Central India States—(Oct. 27th)		
Indore	1·75; total rainfall 33·95.	Weather stormy.
Morar (Gwalior)	*Nil*	Health and prospects good.
Neemuch	·49; total rainfall 28·16.	Weather warm. Indications of more rain. Fever prevalent.
Goona	·79	Health and prospects good.
Sutna	1·31	Weather cloudy.
Agar	·29	Health and prospects good.
Sehore	1·23	Weather cloudy. Health and crops good.
Nowgong	·32; total rainfall 39·87.	Weather seasonable. Prices steady. Health fair.
Manpur	2·50; total rainfall 38·65.	Weather cloudy. Health good. Prices steady.
		General Remarks.—Heavy rain has fallen in most places in the Agency. Prospects of *rabi* crops much improved.
Rajputana—(Oct. 27th)		
Abu (Oct. 27th)	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Days warm, nights cool. Fever still prevalent, some fatal cases.
Sirohi („ 24th)	1·98; extraordinarily heavy showers on 21st, nearly 2·0 in one hour.	Tanks full; wells good; health good. Crops fine; nearly all cut. Weather sultry, cloudy and very warm for time of year.
Marwar („ 23rd)	Slight drizzling on 22nd.	Tanks all full. Fever abating. Crops being gathered. Weather cloudy. Weather warm and close. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Prices stationary.
Kherwara („ 24th)	1·24	Tanks and wells full. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Health good; some fever prevalent. Prices stationary. A few smart showers; weather still cloudy.
Pertabgarh („ 23rd)		Tanks somewhat increased. Health good. Prices fluctuating. Weather cool.
Meywar („ „)	·82	Tanks and wells full. Crops average. Health fair. Prices stationary. Weather fine.
Harowti („ „)	Deoli, ·30; Tonk, ·18; Shahpura, ·37. ·82	Weather warm. *Rabi* sowings commenced. Health good.
Jhallawar („ 24th)		Health good.
Kotah („ 23rd)	*Nil*	*Mukkai* and *bajri* cut. Nights cool, but heat abnormal during day.
Ajmére („ 26th)	2·01	*Rabi* sowings commenced. Prices stationary. Slight fever prevalent throughout district.
Kerowlee („ 23rd)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells drying. *Rabi* cultivation in progress. Fever continues. Prices rising. Weather cloudy.
Ulwur („ 26th)	*Nil*	Prices slightly falling. Harvesting still continues.
Bikanir („ 23rd)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells low. Fever prevalent. Prices stationary.
Nepal—(Oct. 21st)		
Katmandu (Oct. 22nd)	Slight rain	Prospects fair.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

STATISTICS AND COMMERCE.
Statistics.

REVIEW OF THE REPORTS ON JOINT STOCK COMPANIES DURING THE YEAR 1885-86.

No. 3971.

Simla, the 29th October, 1886.

Read the following communications submitting the Reports of Registrars of Joint Stock Companies on the working of the Indian Companies Act, VI of 1882, during the official year 1885-86 :—

From the Government of Madras, No. 1745, dated the 2nd July 1886.
„ „ Bombay, „ 4698, „ 2nd July 1886.
„ „ Bengal, „ 1320P.D., „ 16th July 1886.
„ „ N.-W. P. and Oudh, No. $\frac{359}{VII-202-2}$, dated the 12th May 1886.
„ „ Punjab, No. 25, dated the 30th April 1886.
„ Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. $\frac{2042}{117}$, dated the 12th May 1886.
„ „ Burma, No. $\frac{650}{21C.}$, dated the 27th May 1886.
„ Secretary for Berar to Resident, Hyderabad, No. 124G., dated the 7th May 1886.
„ Resident in Mysore, No. $\frac{2497}{535}$, dated the 6th August 1886.

RESOLUTION.

Madras Presidency.—There were 207 companies in existence at the close of 1884-85, with an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 2,74,47,928. During the year 1885-86, 10 companies with a nominal capital of Rs. 22,13,000 ceased to work, and 7 increased their capital by Rs. 12,54,972; while 375 new companies were registered against 60 in the previous year. Ninety-six of the newly registered companies were banking or loan companies, six were trading companies, three mills and presses, and one a mining and quarrying company; the remaining 269 companies being provident and benefit societies, securing certain payments to members or their nominees on death or marriage.

The net result at the close of 1885-86 was a total of 563 companies at work. Of these 563 companies, 314 had liabilities limited by guarantee and possessed no capital divided into shares. The remainder represented a nominal capital of Rs. 3,58,28,187. Of the nominal capital, Rs. 1,19,40,896 was paid up, as shewn below :

Nature of Companies.	No.	Nominal capital.	Paid-up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.
Loan or Banking	201	2,35,19,087	58,47,531
Trading	14	39,30,000	5,85,590
Mining	10	20,69,100	9,29,726
Mills and Presses	16	50,90,000	37,59,889
Planting	8	12,20,000	8,18,160
Total . .	249	3,58,28,187	1,19,40,896

So that about half of the whole paid-up capital invested in these companies was devoted to money-lending transactions.

Four companies omitted to file their balance sheets and other documents as required by the Act, and the Government Solicitor was instructed to proceed against them.

The receipts from registration fees and the expenditure of the Registrar's office amounted in 1885-86 to Rs. 87,575 and Rs. 1,263 respectively against Rs. 13,731 and Rs. 1,049 in the previous year.

2. *Bombay Presidency.*—The year 1884-85 closed with a total of 174 companies in existence, representing an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 11,26,31,430, of which Rs. 8,54,22,014 were paid-up, and with 83 companies in liquidation.

Of the 174 companies, 9 went into liquidation in 1885-86, 10 increased their capital by Rs. 10,39,500, 1 decreased its capital by Rs. 12,000, and 23 new companies were registered with an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 74,97,500. The net result at the close of 1885-86 was 92 companies in liquidation and 188 companies at work, as shewn below :—

Nature of Companies.	No.	Nominal capital.	Paid up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.
Mills and Presses	117	7,63,77,330	6,46,85,430
Trading	42	1,88,16,600	1,27,92,234
Banking and Insurance	10	71,50,000	15,12,513
Ice Manufacture	4	13,52,500	8,65,075
Mining	3	13,25,000	10,55,000
Planting	2	1,20,000	64,780
Sugar Manufacture	1	20,000	...
Others	9	78,75,000	69,78,190
Total	188	11,30,36,430	8,79,53,222

Thus nearly three-fourths of the paid-up capital of working companies in Bombay are invested in the great and increasing cotton industry.

Two companies omitted to file the usual notice of increase of capital as required by section 57 of the Act. They were prosecuted and fined in the sums of Rs. 501 and Rs. 500 respectively.

The fees realised in 1885-86 amounted to Rs. 8,877, and the total expenditure was Rs. 1,039-10, against collections Rs. 7,996-8 and expenditure Rs. 1,314-4-7 in the preceding year.

3. *Bengal.*—The year 1884-85 closed with 232 companies at work, with an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 11,23,54,500, besides 10 companies in course of liquidation, whose nominal capital was Rs. 15,30,000.

In 1885-86, 8 companies were finally dissolved, 15 with a total nominal capital of Rs. 1,01,11,000 commenced winding up their business, 4 increased their capital by an aggregate amount of Rs. 27,60,000, and 14 new companies, with an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 41,26,600, were registered. Of these last, 10 are for tea cultivation, 2 for trading purposes, 1 for the cultivation of indigo, being the first of its kind, and 1 is an insurance company.

The net result at the close of 1885-86 was :—

Nature of Companies.	No.	Nominal capital.	Paid-up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.
Tea	128	3,99,87,100	3,16,20,419
Trading	33	1,88,32,000	1,27,14,708
Mills and Presses	30	2,35,95,000	1,99,50,141
Banking and Loan	18	1,86,65,000	1,74,04,309
Mining and Quarrying	11	84,32,000	77,43,380
Ice Manufacture	6	10,60,000	9,71,620
Sugar Manufacture	1	16,00,000	16,00,000
Others	4	13,10,000	9,33,580
Total	231	11,34,81,100	9,29,38,157

Thus rather more than a third of the paid-up capital was invested in tea companies, and about a fifth in mills and presses, mostly jute and cotton.

The total receipts from registration fees amounted to Rs. 6,995 against Rs. 7,089-6 in the previous year; and the total expenditure was Rs. 588.

One company was prosecuted under section 61 of the Act for not filing notice of the situation of its office.

4. *North-Western Provinces and Oudh.*—The number of companies in existence at the close of 1884-85 was 42, representing an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 95,91,000, of which Rs. 81,22,212 were paid up.

In 1885-86 one of the companies was wound up, and four new companies were registered with a nominal capital of Rs. 96,000. Of these, 2 were trading companies, and 2 printing presses. Three companies increased their capital by Rs. 5,40,000, the increase of one, the Muir Mills at Cawnpore, alone amounting to Rs. 5,00,000.

The net result at the close of 1885-86 was 45 companies at work, as detailed in the following table:—

Nature of Companies.	No.	Nominal capital.	Paid-up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.
Banking and Loan	12	31,58,000	28,92,265
Trading	13	7,95,000	4,38,233
Mills and Presses	10	36,95,000	31,87,298
Tea Manufacture	3	9,33,000	9,32,311
Breweries	2	5,00,000	5,00,000
Ice Manufacture	1	1,50,000	92,258
Mining and Quarrying	1	4,65,000	4,65,000
Sugar Manufacture	1	4,00,000	...
Others	2	91,000	91,000
Total	45	1,01,87,000	85,98,365

The fees realised amounted to Rs. 1,235.

5. *Punjab.*—At the close of 1884-85, 26 companies were in existence, of which 19 were working and 7 under liquidation. Of those working, 2 were limited by guarantee and had no divided capital. The remaining 17 companies were limited by shares, and had an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 48,11,000, of which Rs. 38,51,200 had been paid up.

In 1885-86 one of the companies under liquidation finally wound up, 1 entered into liquidation, 2 increased their capital by Rs. 2,16,000, and 2 new companies were registered—one with a nominal capital of Rs. 2,00,000; the other being a company limited by guarantee.

The net result at the close of 1885-86 shews 7 companies under liquidation and 20 at work, of which 3 are limited by guarantee. The remaining 17 companies may be classed as follows:—

Nature of Companies.	No.	Nominal capital.	Paid-up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.
Banks	4	24,00,000	20,67,930
Trading	5	3,44,500	48,490
Mills and Presses	2	10,00,000	5,53,912
Brewery	1	7,00,000	7,00,000
Sugar and Distillery	1	3,75,000	2,51,825
Tea Manufacture	1	2,37,500	2,37,500
Mining and Quarrying	1	1,20,000	1,19,700
Ice Manufacture	1	1,00,000	56,230
Other	1	20,000	9,700
Total	17	52,97,000	40,45,287

The fees realised amounted to Rs. 697-8. No expenditure was incurred.

6. *Central Provinces.*—There were 2 companies in existence at the close of 1884-85, both having for their object the working of cotton. Their aggregate nominal capital and the actual working capital were Rs. 11,50,000 and Rs. 7,70,900 respectively. One of the two companies increased its paid-up capital by Rs. 56,900. The position at the close of 1885-86 was that there were two companies at work, both cotton mills, with a nominal capital of Rs. 11½ lakhs and a paid-up capital of Rs. 8,27,800.

No new company was registered and no fees were realised.

7. *Burma* at the close of 1884-85 possessed 16 companies, whose aggregate nominal capital was Rs. 16,69,550. Of this amount, Rs. 13,40,325 was shewn to have been paid up. No new company was registered in 1885-86, but 4 companies, with an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 2,93,000, went into liquidation during the year. The position at the end of 1885-86 was as follows:—

Nature of Companies.	No.	Nominal capital.	Paid-up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.
Trading	10	13,11,550	12,20,907
Banking	1	50,000	12,800
Other	1	15,000	14,950
Total .	12	13,76,550	12,48,657

Registration fees to the amount of Rs. 260 were realised against Rs. 275 in 1884-85. No expenditure was incurred.

8. *Berar.*—The Indian Companies' Act was extended to the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in September 1884. The rules framed under the Act were sanctioned and published in January 1885, and the office of Registrar of Joint Stock Companies opened in the following month. No companies were registered up to the end of the year.

9. *Mysore State.*—The year 1884-85 closed with 44 companies at work, 7 companies in existence, but not working, and 17 companies under liquidation. The companies at work represented an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 20,35,500. In 1885-86, 7 companies with a total capital of Rs. 2,60,000 were not working, 20 with a capital of Rs. 13,20,000 were in course of liquidation, 2 increased their capital by Rs. 30,000, and 24 new companies, with an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 4,84,000, were registered. The net result at the close of 1885-86 shews 65 companies at work. Of these, 16 are limited by guarantee and possess no capital, their object being that of securing certain payments to members or their nominees on death or marriage. The remainder may be grouped thus:—

Nature of Companies.	No.	Nominal capital.	Paid-up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.
Banks	45	20,38,100	6,23,170
Trading	4	1,10,000	36,475
Total .	49	21,48,100	6,59,645

Most of the banking companies have for their object banking and trading combined. They are mostly small native money-lending concerns, and have an average paid-up capital of less than Rs. 14,000 each.

The fees realised in 1885-86 amounted to Rs. 2,188-14-9 against Rs. 976-4-3 in the previous year.

10. *Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.*—There were 11 companies at work at the close of 1884-85, with an aggregate nominal capital of Rs. 28,70,000, of which Rs. 14,96,819 had been paid up, whilst 7 companies, representing a capital of Rs. 8,95,000, were under liquidation.

Two new companies were registered in 1885-86, one of them being a company limited by guarantee. The net result at the close of 1885-86 shews 13 companies at work, 12 of them with a nominal capital aggregating Rs. 27,70,000, thus :—

Nature of Companies.	No.	Nominal capital.	Paid-up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.
Banks	10	19,20,000	11,18,573
Mills (Cotton, Wool, Silk)	2	8,50,000	4,77,991
Total .	12	27,70,000	15,96,564

The fees realised during the year amounted to Rs. 275 against Rs. 473 in the preceding year.

GENERAL.

11. The details reviewed in the preceding paragraphs are summarised in the table appended to this Resolution, which shews the total capital, nominal and actual, in the different provinces of all joint-stock companies. Bengal, Bombay, and Madras head the list with a paid-up capital of 929, 879, and 119 lakhs respectively, making a sum of about 1,927 lakhs out of the aggregate for all India of 2,098 lakhs, or about 92 per cent.

12. The following table compares the paid-up capital in the several provinces in the last two years :—

Province.	Paid-up capital in 1884-85.	Paid-up capital in 1885-86.	Increase or decrease per cent in 1885-86.	Proportion of paid-up capital to all paid-up capital in 1885-86.
	Rs.	Rs.		Per cent.
Bengal	9,43,58,342	9,29,38,157	— 1·51	44·3
Bombay	8,54,22,014	8,79,53,222	+ 2·96	41·9
Madras	1,03,93,359	1,19,40,896	+14·89	5·7
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	81,22,212	85,98,365	+ 5 86	4·1
Punjab	38,51,200	40,45,287	+ 5·	1·9
Burma	13,40,325	12,48,657	— 6·84	0·6
Other Provinces	28,70,992	30,84,009	+ 7·42	1·5
Total .	20,63,58,444	20,98,08,593	+ 1·67	100

13. The largest part of this capital—934 lakhs paid-up—is invested in mills and presses chiefly for working or pressing cotton, jute, wool, and silk. The Bombay Presidency shews the largest contribution under this head, chiefly for working or pressing cotton, Bengal following, chiefly with jute.

Tea and other plantations follow with a total of 337 lakhs paid-up capital. Bengal is far ahead of the other provinces in the tea industry, most of the tea companies being registered in Calcutta.

Banking or loan companies rank third with 315 lakhs paid-up. Bengal heads the list here, the Madras Presidency coming next.

Trading companies rank fourth, with a paid-up capital of 278 lakhs. Bombay heads the list here, Bengal coming next.

Mining and quarrying engaged 103 lakhs paid-up. Here also Bengal heads the list, the Bombay Presidency being next.

The other industries individually represent much smaller sums; thus ice-making, 20 lakhs paid-up, chiefly in Bombay and Bengal; breweries, 12 lakhs paid-up, chiefly in the Punjab and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

14. The following table shews, so far as reported, the total number of joint stock companies at work in India with their nominal and paid-up capital at the end of each of the last six years:—

Years.	Companies at work.	Nominal capital.	Paid-up capital.	Increase of paid-up capital.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1880-81	475	19,74,10,150	14,86,66,364	...
1881-82	500	21,29,73,730	15,45,80,041	59,13,677 = 3·98 %
1882-83	547	22,17,01,800	17,01,59,044	1,55,79,003 = 10·08 „
1883-84	649	26,67,34,384	18,75,06,107	1,73,47,063 = 10·19 „
1884-85	696	27,88,76,908	20,63,58,444	1,88,52,337 = 10·05 „
1885-86	805	28,52,74,367	20,98,08,593	34,50,149 = 1·67 „

The increase during the year was only 34½ lakhs, being at the rate of little more than 1½ per cent.—a very much smaller rate of increase than in previous years. The average annual rate of increase during the six years has been a little under 7 per cent.

15. The fees realised and the expenditure in each province last year were:—

	Fees.			Expenditure.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Bengal	6,995	0	0	588	0	0
Bombay	8,877	0	0	1,039	10	0
Madras	87,575	0	0	1,263	0	0
North-Western Provinces and Oudh	1,235	0	0	.....		
Punjab	697	8	0	.....		
Central Provinces	.....			.....		
Burma	260	0	0	.....		
Mysore State	2,188	14	9	.....		
Bangalore	275	0	0	.....		
TOTAL	1,08,103	6	9	2,890	10	0

ORDER.—Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*, and that copies be forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations,* and to the Foreign Department for communication to the Resident in Mysore.

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„ of Bombay.
„ of Bengal.
„ of the N. W. Provinces and Oudh.
„ of Punjab.
Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.
„ „ Burma.
„ „ Assam.
„ „ Ajmere.
„ „ Coorg.
Secretary for Berar to the Resident at Hyderabad.

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Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

Statement of Joint Stock Companies at work at the end of the year 1885-86.

Provinces.	Capital.	Banking or Loan Companies.	Trading Companies.	Mills and Presses.	Tea and other Planting Companies.	Mining and Quarrying Companies.	Ice Companies.	Sugar.	Breweries.	Others.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Madras Presidency	Nominal ...	2,35,19,087	39,30,000	50,90,000	12,20,000	20,69,100	...	...	...	..	3,58,28,187
	Paid-up ...	58,47,531	5,85,590	37,59,889	8,18,160	9,29,726	...	...	...	...	1,19,40,896
Bombay Presidency ...	Nominal ...	71,50,000	1,88,16,600	7,63,77,330	1,20,000	13,25,000	13,52,500	20,000	...	78,75,000	11,30,36,430
	Paid-up ...	15,12,513	1,27,92,234	6,46,85,430	64,780	10,55,000	8,65,075	...	...	69,78,190	8,79,53,223 *
Bengal	Nominal ...	1,86,65,000	1,88,32,000	2,35,95,000	3,99,87,100	84,32,000	10,60,000	16,00,000	...	13,10,000	11,34,81,100
	Paid-up ...	1,74,04,309	1,27,14,708	1,99,50,141	3,16,20,419	77,43,380	9,71,620	16,00,000	...	9,33,580	9,29,38,157
N. W. Provinces and Oudh ...	Nominal ...	31,58,000	7,95,000	36,95,000	9,33,000	4,65,000	1,50,000	4,00,000	5,00,000	91,000	1,01,87,000
	Paid-up ...	28,92,265	4,38,233	31,87,298	9,32,311	4,65,000	92,258	*	5,00,000	91,000	85,98,365
Punjab	Nominal ...	24,00,000	3,44,500	10,00,000	2,37,500	1,20,000	1,00,000	3,75,000	7,00,000	20,000	52,97,000
	Paid-up ...	20,67,930	48,490	5,53,912	2,37,500	1,19,700	56,230	2,51,825	7,00,000	9,700	40,45,287
Central Provinces	Nominal ...	...	...	11,50,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,50,000
	Paid-up ...	...	...	8,27,800	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,27,800
Burma	Nominal ...	50,000	13,11,550	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,000	13,76,550
	Paid-up ...	12,800	12,20,907	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,950	12,48,657
Mysore State	Nominal ...	20,38,100	1,10,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,48,100
	Paid-up ...	6,23,170	36,475	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,59,645
Bangalore	Nominal ...	19,20,000	...	8,50,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,70,000
	Paid-up ...	11,18,573	...	4,77,991		...	...	...	...	...	15,96,564
Totals ...	Nominal ...	5,89,00,187	4,41,39,650	11,17,57,330	4,24,97,600	1,24,11,100	26,62,500	23,95,000	12,00,000	93,11,000	28,52,74,367
	Paid-up ...	3,14,79,091	2,78,36,637	9,34,42,461	3,36,73,170	1,03,12,806	19,85,183	18,51,825†	12,00,000	80,27,420	20,98,08,593

* Not known. † Incomplete.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

No. XXVI of 1886-87.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF INDIAN RAILWAYS.

N.B.—As regards the figures in column "*Total Receipts from 1st April to date*," audited figures have been used, as far as possible.

Latest Return received.	Railways.	Receipts for week ending 3rd Oct. 1885. Total mean length open.	Receipts for week ending 3rd Oct. 1885. Total.	Receipts for week ending 3rd Oct. 1885. Per mile open.	Receipts for week ending 2nd Oct. 1886. Total mean length open.	Receipts for week ending 2nd Oct. 1886. Total.	Receipts for week ending 2nd Oct. 1886. Per mile open.	Total Receipts from 1st April to 3rd Oct. 1885. Total.	Total Receipts from 1st April to 3rd Oct. 1885. Per mile open per week.	Total Receipts from 1st April to 2nd Oct. 1886. Total.	Total Receipts from 1st April to 2nd Oct. 1886. Per mile open per week.	Total Increase in 1886-87.	Total Decrease in 1886-87.
	Lines worked by Guaranteed Companies.		*Rs.*	*Rs.*		*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*	*Rs.*
9th October 1886	Oudh and Rohilkhand	608	88,146	145	683	1,23,539	181	28,53,921	176	33,34,788	186	4,80,867	...
Ditto	Madras	861	1,44,836	168	831	1,64,972	199	38,01,490	166	39,75,006	178	1,73,516	...
Ditto	South Indian	654	87,921	134	654	92,220	141	23,35,502	134	26,48,068	153	3,12,566	...
Ditto	Great Indian Peninsula	1,497	5,90,941	395	1,497	4,89,770	327	1,70,12,016	428	1,91,48,216	484	21,36,200	...
Ditto	Bombay, Baroda and Central India	461	2,43,055	527	461	2,02,000	438	64,88,785	530	68,99,003	566	4,10,218	...
	TOTAL	4,081	11,54,899	283	4,126	10,72,501	260	3,24,91,714	300	3,60,05,081	331	35,13,367	...
	State Lines worked by Guaranteed Companies.												
9th October 1886	East Indian	1,515	8,80,546	581	1,515	8,79,414	580	2,33,32,222	580	2,31,78,910	579	...	1,53,312
Ditto	Patna-Gya	57	17,895	313	57	20,582	360	2,49,649	165	2,82,605	187	32,956	...
Ditto	Dildarnagar-Ghazipur	12	636	53	12	691	58	24,311	76	26,393	83	2,082	...
Ditto	Sindia	75	6,287	84	75	7,663	102	1,69,472	85	1,80,435	92	10,963	...
Ditto	Rajputana-Malwa (*a*).	1,518	3,10,071	205	1,484	2,86,700	193	78,26,899	209	85,80,123	230	7,53,224	...
Ditto	Southern Mahratta	315	19,659	62	315	30,577	97	4,43,415	63	8,95,279	108	4,51,864	...
Ditto	Indian Midland	...	...	...	42	3,950	94	...	...	53,256	48	53,256	...
	TOTAL	3,492	12,35,994	354	3,500	12,29,577	351	3,20,45,968	361	3,31,97,001	366	11,51,033	...
	State Lines worked by Government.												
9th October 1886	Eastern Bengal	233	48,611	209	234	1,57,080	671	19,42,623	314	24,53,466	397	5,10,843	...
2nd Ditto	Nalhati	27	2,101	77	27	1,525	56	37,671	52	42,604	59	4,933	...
9th Ditto	Northern Bengal	249	28,299	114	249	57,450	231	9,01,454	137	11,92,564	181	2,91,110	...
Ditto	Kaunia-Dharla	37	2,243	61	37	2,092	57	62,234	63	53,586	54	...	8,648
2nd Ditto	Tirhoot	226	19,100	85	246	24,504	100	6,30,787	105	7,62,052	117	1,31,265	...
Last 5 days of Sept. 1886	Cawnpore-Achnera	142	(*b*) 7,829	55	181	(*c*) 24,051	133	(*d*) 4,12,187	65	(*e*) 5,59,348	85	1,47,161	...
2nd October 1886	Wardha Coal	45	6,428	143	45	12,280	273	2,33,833	196	3,27,258	275	93,425	...
9th Ditto	Nagpur and Chhattisgarh	149	15,356	103	149	13,631	91	6,65,844	168	6,42,856	163	...	22,988
Ditto	Burma	327	41,397	127	327	41,674	127	10,41,231	136	10,56,015	122	14,784	...
25th September 1886	Cherra-Companyganj	...	...	...	...	(*f*)	...	...	...	(*g*) 320	2	320	...
16th October 1886	North-Western	1,803	5,69,748	316	1,803	4,16,766	231	1,46,87,719	307	1,27,97,498	269	...	18,90,221
Ditto	Amritsar-Pathankot	66	3,106	47	66	4,044	61	1,46,402	83	1,40,688	81	...	5,714
9th Ditto	Bareilly-Pilibhit	36	898	25	36	1,279	36	34,947	36	46,040	48	11,093	...
Ditto	Dacca	86	997	12	86	9,630	112	43,117	33	1,34,739	58	91,622	...
2nd Ditto	Jorhat	25	682	27	30	940	31	17,933	27	19,172	24	1,239	...
	TOTAL	3,451	7,46,795	216	3,516	7,66,866	218	2,08,57,982	223	2,02,28,206	213	...	6,29,776
	GRAND TOTAL (Guaranteed and State)	11,024	31,37,688	285	11,142	30,68,944	275	8,53,95,664	294	8,94,30,288	303	40,34,624	...
	Gross Estimated Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	(*h*) 4,40,11,461	151	(*f*) 4,54,17,348	154	...	...
	Net Receipts	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,13,84,203	143	4,40,12,940	149	26,28,737	...
	Assisted Companies.												
9th October 1886	Bengal-Central	125	6,336	51	125	11,121	89	2,69,711	81	2,98,179	90	28,468	...
Ditto	Rohilkhand-Kumaon	67	3,913	58	67	9,040	135	1,19,323	67	1,62,934	92	43,611	...
2nd Ditto	Assam	78	4,230	54	78	8,029	103	1,19,688	57	1,76,112	85	56,424	...
9th Ditto	Bengal and North-Western	303	19,186	63	303	25,120	83	6,10,010	76	10,13,883	127	4,03,873	...
Ditto	Tarakessur	22	3,834	174	22	3,614	164	1,28,158	219	1,27,158	216	...	1,000
	TOTAL	595	37,499	63	595	56,924	96	12,46,890	79	17,78,266	113	5,31,376	...
	Native States.												
9th October 1886	Bhavnagar-Gondal	193	11,724	61	193	13,781	71	5,06,740	99	5,12,204	100	5,464	...
Ditto	Jodhpore	64	2,880	45	64	4,600	72	83,808	49	1,02,486	61	18,678	...
2nd Ditto	Nizam's	121	16,714	138	208	29,969	144	5,91,905	184	7,21,989	132	1,30,084	...
Ditto	Mysore	140	8,389	60	140	14,969	107	2,11,119	57	2,25,700	61	14,581	...
16th Ditto	Rajpura-Patiala	16	863	54	16	1,154	72	20,160	43	28,863	69	8,703	...
2nd Ditto	Morvi	...	...	...	24	459	19	...	...	21,413	34	21,413	...
	TOTAL	534	40,570	76	645	64,932	101	14,13,732	99	16,12,655	94	1,98,923	...

(*a*) Including Cawnpore-Achnera State Railway from 1st October.
(*b*) Receipts for last 4 days of September 1885.
(*c*) Receipts for last 5 days of September 1886.
(*d*) Total receipts from 1st April to 30th September 1885.
(*e*) Total receipts from 1st April to 30th September 1886.
(*f*) Return not received.
(*g*) Total receipts from 16th June to 25th September 1886.
(*h*) Actuals.
(*j*) Corrected by audited figures up to as far as possible.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE STATEMENT OF PRICES CURRENT (RETAIL) OF FOOD-GRAINS FOR THE 2nd HALF OF SEPTEMBER 1886, PUBLISHED IN PAGE 1441 OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE "GAZETTE OF INDIA," DATED 23rd OCTOBER 1886.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Province.	District.	Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													Remarks.
		Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoideum*).	Marua or Ragi (*Eleusine Coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, Italian millet (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chenna, Chola, Kadalay or Sunaga (*Cicer arietinum*).	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thúr Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
H. A. Districts.	Secunderabad	15 8	...	6 13	10 14	21 7	20 1	23 0	...	13 3	...	9 13	115 0	10 3	
	Bolarum	18 3	...	7 14	9 8	23 9	...	...	...	14 4	...	...	116 14	10 10	
	Chadarghat	11 8	...	7 0	9 8	23 0	23 0	...	...	15 8	...	9 8	88 0	9 12	
Mysore.	Bangalore	10 11	11 6	9 6	9 14	23 10	...	31 0	...	11 0	...	12 10	84 0	11 4	
	Kolar	...	12 4	10 4	12 12	...	...	36 0	...	12 0	...	14 0	144 0	11 4	
	Tumkur	13 0	11 0	11 0	13 0	...	...	44 0	...	11 0	...	16 0	340 0	10 8	
	Mysore	11 0	10 0	9 8	11 12	32 0	25 0	29 0	10 0	10 4	...	10 8	72 0	9 8	
	Hassan	...	10 8	12 0	14 0	...	...	38 0	...	12 0	...	12 0	96 0	9 0	
	Shimoga	13 10	...	12 10	14 11	36 14	...	40 15	...	12 10	...	...	480 0	9 7	
	Kadur	10 0	12 0	12 0	14 0	...	...	32 0	...	13 0	...	10 0	64 0	12 0	
	Chitaldroog	13 1	12 15	11 11	14 10	34 14	17 8	36 8	30 9	13 12	...	13 3	320 0	11 4	

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 3rd NOVEMBER, 1886.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The rainfall of the past week has been heaviest in Bombay, the Central Provinces, Mysore and Coorg, and Burma. In Madras, Bengal, Assam, Berar, and Central India, and in a few places in the Punjab and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, there have been slight showers.

The *kharif* harvest continues in Bombay, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Punjab, Rajputana, and Hyderabad, and is also in progress in the Central Provinces, where, as in parts of Bombay, the standing crops have been somewhat damaged in places by heavy and untimely rain. In Berar and Central India the crops are progressing well, and prospects are also satisfactory in Madras, Mysore and Coorg.

The rice crop in the Central Provinces is improving under the late rain, and in Bombay, Bengal, Assam, and Burma the condition of the crop is favourable.

Cotton-picking continues in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh and in Berar, but in the Central Provinces the crop has been injured by excessive rain. In Bombay cotton prospects are generally good.

Rabi operations are in active progress everywhere, and where the sowings have germinated they promise well. In the Central Provinces the rainfall still retards the *rabi* sowings.

The public health is generally satisfactory in all Provinces.

Prices are falling in Mysore and Coorg and in two districts of the Punjab, but are generally steady elsewhere.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—(Nov. 3rd)		
Bellary . .	Average ·35	Standing crops generally fair; harvest dry grains, outturn average in parts and below average in others. Cattle-disease in one taluk.
Kurnool . .	Average ·12	Standing crops fair, but paddy under canal suffering from want of water owing to a breach; harvest early cereals, outturn below average. Small-pox in one and cattle-disease in three taluks.
Ganjam . .	Average ·99	Standing crops paddy thriving. Fever in two, slight small-pox in three, and slight cattle-disease in two taluks.
Kistna . .	Average ·47	Standing crops generally good, but in parts slightly damaged by heavy rain; harvest dry crops, outturn about average. River 7·1 feet over anicut. Slight fever and cholera in two taluks.
Chingleput (Madras) .	Average 1·38	Standing crops good; harvest paddy and *ragi*, outturn below average. Small-pox in one and cattle-disease in five taluks.
Coimbatore . .	Average 1·37	Standing crops generally good, but want more rain in parts; harvest paddy and dry grains, yield generally above average. Fever and small-pox in two taluks.
Tanjore . .	Average 4·17	Standing crops generally good; harvest wet and dry grains, outturn below average.
Madura . .	Average last week since revised, ·47; this week, 1·66.	Slight fever in parts.
Malabar . .	Average 2·30	Second crop cultivation progressing. Fever in one, slight small-pox in six, and cattle-disease in two taluks.
Travancore . .	4·25	Harvest first crop paddy, yield average. Fever in parts. *General Remarks.*—General prospects good.
Bombay—(Nov. 3rd)		
Kurrachee . .	*Nil*	River at Kotri on 1st, 6 feet 11 inches against 7 feet on same date last year. *Kharif* harvesting continues. Fever in eleven and cattle-disease in four talukas. Wheat, red rice, and *bajri* in Kurrachee 24, 30 and 32 and in Tatta 24, 37 and 40 pounds per rupee, respectively.
Hyderabad . .	*Nil*	*Kharif* harvesting still continues in some talukas; cotton crops suffering for want of water in Hyderabad taluka; preparations for *rabi* cultivation commenced; mustard and *jámbho* cultivation going on in Tando, Alahyar, Badin and Mars talukas. River at Kotri on 1st, 6 feet 11 inches against 7 feet on same date last year. Small-pox in one, cattle-disease in one, and fever in ten talukas. Wheat 26, *bajri* 37½, *juari* 40, white rice 20 and red rice 26 pounds per rupee.
Ahmedabad .	*Nil*	Reaping of *kharif* still continues; *rabi* crops progressing. Slight fever in Dholka taluka. Wheat 33 and *bajri* 32 pounds per rupee.
Baroda . .	1·17; total 40·45	Fever general. Standing crops in good condition. *Bajri* 28, wheat 20 and rice 21 pounds per rupee.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bombay—*contd.*		
Surat	*Nil*	Crops healthy; reaping of *kharif* and sowing of *rabi* crops continue. Slight fever in Bardoli. *Juari* 35 and *nagli* 47 pounds per rupee.
Nasik	More or less rain throughout the district; maximum at Baglan, 2·05 and minimum at Malegaon, ·08.	*Rabi* sowings in progress. Some damage done to *bajri* crops in Chandvad, Yeola, Kalvan, Peint, Malegaon, Nándgaon and Baglan. Public health good. Wheat 21¾, *bajri* 36$\frac{28}{40}$ and rice 20$\frac{28}{40}$ pounds per rupee.
Colaba (Bombay)	Rain on 27th ultimo; total of week ·03; total to date 99·13, being 28·68 above average.	Abnormal temperature 10° warm on 27th and 28th ultimo, 3° warm from 29th to 31st ultimo, 2° warm on 1st and 5° warm on 2nd instant; vapour in air very excessive; wind normal; lightning on 27th ultimo, thunder on 30th, thunder and lightning on 28th, 29th and 31st ultimo.
Poona	Rain in seven talukas, maximum at Khed, 3·12; minimum at Purandhar, ·53; light showers in Junnar taluka and Petha Ambegaon being ·08 and ·32, respectively.	Crops good; reaping of *bajri* and sowing of *rabi* in progress in five talukas. In Khed, Sirur, Haveli, Petha Mulshi, and Naval sowings are retarded owing to excessive rain which has done slight injury to *bajri* and rice crops. Public health generally good. Slight cattle-disease in Indapur and Haveli talukas. *Bajri* 42 and *juari* 60 pounds in the district, and *bajri* 37 and *juari* 48 pounds per rupee in Poona City.
Ahmednagar	At Shrigonda, 4·08; Néwasa, 3·47; Párner, 2·51; Sheogaon, 1·63; Kopargaon, 1·60; Nagar, 1·25; Jámkhed, 1·20; Karjat, ·94; Sangamner, ·78; Ráhuri, ·30; Akola, ·29.	*Kharif* reaping going on, but crops have suffered from excessive rain; *rabi* sowing commenced. Public health good. *Bajri*—maximum 70 and minimum 42 and *juari*—maximum 120 and minimum 48 pounds per rupee.
Sholapur	Rain in all talukas	*Bajri*, rice and in places *juari* crops have suffered from unnecessary rain. Public health generally good. *Juari* 74½ and *bajri* 52½ pounds per rupee.
Dharwar	Rain at all stations, except Mundargi varying from ·52 in Navalgund to 6·06 in Bankapur.	Early *juari* and cotton crops good; rice crops moderate; sowing of late crops in progress. Cattle-disease in Kalghatgi and Kod talukas; slight fever in Hangal, Bankapur, and Mugud Petha. Rice 23 and *juari* 56 pounds per rupee.
Kanara	At Karwar, ·21; Coompta, 2·96; Yellapur, 1·58; Haliyál, 4·12; total to date 143·18.	Rice crop good; harvest continues throughout district. Fever in one and cattle-disease in five talukas. Public health generally good. Common rice at Karwar and district average 13 seers per rupee.
Rajkot	*Nil*	Weather hot. Fever prevalent. Crops in fairly good condition. Reaping of *bajri* and *juari* in progress. Wheat 31, *bajri* 29 and *juari* 40 pounds per rupee. *General Remarks.*—Rain almost everywhere in the Presidency Proper. Crops slightly injured by excessive and untimely rainfall in parts of the Deccan districts and of Tanna and the Panch Mahals. Reaping of *kharif* crops and *rabi* sowing still progressing. Fever in parts of fifteen, cattle-disease in parts of nine and small-pox in parts of two districts.
Bengal—(Nov. 3rd)		
Chittagong	0·10	Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair. Prices steady. Fever reported from Ramoo, otherwise public health good.
Dacca	0·81	Winter crops being sown; prospects of all crops good. Public health good.
24-Pergunnahs (Calcutta).	0·18	Prospects of crops satisfactory; cultivation of cold weather crops going on. Fever rife in some places; public health otherwise good.
Moorshedabad	0·52	Weather cooler than last week. Indigo sowings delayed by rain, otherwise prospects of crops excellent. Cholera rather prevalent.
Rungpore	0·21	Weather cool. Prospects of crops good. Fever prevalent.
Burdwan	0·83	*Amun* prospects excellent. Fever prevalent.
Bhagalpur	*Nil*	Prospects good; *rabi* sowings in progress. Slight cholera and fever in Sadr subdivision. Monghyr opium sowings to extent of one anna completed and further sowings retarded owing to extreme moisture and heat.
Purneah	*Nil*	Prospects of winter rice good; *rabi* cultivation going on. Public health good.
Patna	*Nil*	Prospects of paddy fair; *rabi* sowings in progress. Public health generally good.
Durbhunga	*Nil*	Prospects of paddy favourable; *rabi* sowings going on. Prices falling slightly. Public health generally good. In Sarun the preparation of lands for poppy delayed owing to late heavy rain.
Hazaribagh	1·10	Weather cloudy. Prospects of winter rice good; harvesting of earlier sorts of rice commenced; *rabi* and poppy sowings in progress. Public health good.
Cuttack	2·87	Rice crop excellent; *rabi* somewhat damaged by rain. Prices stationary. Public health good.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*contd.*		
Midnapore	0·06	Prospects good; an average harvest seems now secure. Fever very prevalent.
Khoolna	0·65	Weather hot. Rain rather insufficient. Prospects fair. Fever common.
Dinagepore	General slight rain 0·02.	Prospects of crops very good. Sporadic cholera and cattle-disease prevalent.
Pubna (Serajgunge)	1·79	Prospects good. Fever about Serajgunge.
Gya	*Nil*	Rice prospects excellent; *rabi* cultivation contracted; poppy season late. Cholera decreasing.
Chumparun	*Nil*	Prospects favourable; *rabi* cultivation commenced. Some cases of cholera reported from interior.
		General Remarks.—There has been slight rain in all districts, except in those of Behar. Prospects of *amun* rice continue generally favourable; cultivation of cold weather crops is going on, but is retarded in some places in Behar, owing to excessive moisture on the soil. Fever is prevalent in several localities and cholera in some, otherwise public health good.
N. W. Provinces and Oudh —(Nov. 3rd)		
Benares (Nov. 2nd)	*Nil*	Weather cooler and occasionally cloudy. *Kharif* still being harvested and *rabi* sowings continue; prospects good. Supplies plentiful and prices somewhat easier. A few cases of cholera and fever, otherwise public health is good.
Ballia („ 1st)	*Nil*	Sky clear. Weather getting cooler. Prospects generally good; *rabi* sowings progressing. Prices unchanged. Public health good; no cattle-disease.
Gorakhpore („ „)	*Nil*	Weather clear and getting cold. *Rabi* sowings in full progress. Prices stationary. Health fair.
Fyzabad („ 2nd)	*Nil*	Weather clear and cool. *Rabi* crops coming up well. Prices unchanged. Supplies ample. Cholera and cattle-disease in two tahsils.
Lucknow („ 1st)	*Nil*	Weather clear. *Hewant* crops nearly ripe; *bajri* is being cut in some places; poppy sowing commenced; wheat has germinated well. Markets well supplied. Prices steady. Fever and cholera in certain places reported; slight cattle-disease.
Rae Bareli („ „)	*Nil*	Weather sometimes cloudy and close. *Rabi* sowings going on. Isolated cases of cholera reported from tahsil Digbijaiganj. Markets well stocked. Prices stationary.
Partabgarh („ 2nd)	*Nil*	Weather clear. *Rabi* sowings nearly finished; *juari* and *bajri* being cut. Prices almost stationary. Cholera and cattle-disease reported from tahsil Kunda.
Allahabad („ „)	In 3 tahsils from ·20 to ·80 on 31st October.	*Rabi* sowings continue. Markets well supplied. Prices steady. Except slight fever, public health very good; no cattle-disease.
Cawnpore („ „)	From ·20 to ·90	Slight damage to crops by hailstorms; *rabi* sowings in progress; opium sown in about half the lands engaged. Prices stationary. Slight cattle-disease in three parganas.
Banda („ 1st)	*Nil*	*Dhan* and *bajri* being cut and cotton being picked; gram germinating. Prices stationary. Fever abating; cattle-disease in two villages.
Farakhabad („ 2nd)	*Nil*	*Kharif* harvest in progress; *rabi* sowings nearly completed. Markets well supplied. Health fair.
Sitapur	.....	No report received.
Bareilly (Nov. 2nd)	*Nil*	Weather fairly seasonable. *Kharif* doing well. Prices steady. Fever still prevalent; cholera decreasing.
Kumaon („ „)	*Nil*	Weather fine. *Kharif* crops nearly harvested; ploughing for *rabi* in progress. Prices falling. General health fair; cattle-disease on the decrease.
Agra („ 1st)	*Nil*	*Kharif* harvesting progressing; *rabi* being sown. Prices steady. Fever continues.
Jhansi („ „)	Only local showers	Weather getting cooler. *Kharif* crops flourishing. Prices slightly fluctuating. Public health good; cattle-disease in one village.
Meerut („ 2nd)	Slight rain	Weather otherwise clear and cold. Cane pressing commenced. Supplies sufficient. Prices unchanged.
		General Remarks.—Slight showers in a few districts during week and some hail at Cawnpore, otherwise the weather is seasonable. Harvesting of *kharif* approaching completion; *rabi* sowings have germinated and prospects promise well. Markets well supplied and prices steady. Cases of cholera and fever continue to be reported, though the public health is generally fair; slight cattle-disease in some places.
Panjab—(Nov. 4th)		
Delhi	·15	Health fair. Prices fluctuating. *Kharif* reapings progressing.
Hissar	*Nil*	Health good. Prices falling. *Rabi* prospects lessened.
Umballa	*Nil*	Health fair. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops harvested.
Jullundur	*Nil*	Health good Prices slightly falling. *Kharif* crops being reaped; *rabi* sowings in progress.
Amritsar	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Sialkot	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops reaped; *rabi* sowings in progress.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—*contd.*		
Ferozepore . .	Sadr, ·60; Ferozepore, 1·0.	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops being reaped.
Lahore . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary.
Rawalpindi . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops reaped; *rabi* being sown.
Shahpur . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices almost stationary. *Kharif* crops being harvested; *rabi* sowings in progress.
Mooltan . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices fluctuating. *Kharif* crops being harvested; *rabi* sowings in progress.
Dera Ismail Khan .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices almost stationary. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Peshawar . .	*Nil*	Small-pox decreasing. Prices of *makki* and barley falling, others stationary. *Kharif* crops good on irrigated lands. Rain much wanted for *rabi* sowings.
		General Remarks.—Slight rain has fallen in the Delhi and Ferozepore districts. General health is good, and small-pox is decreasing in the Peshawar district. *Kharif* being harvested; *rabi* sowing in progress. Prices falling in the Hissar and Jullundur districts, elsewhere they are stationary.
Central Provinces—(Nov. 3rd)		
Nagpur . .	·51	Weather cloudy. Wheat being sown. Fever and cattle-disease in places. Prices steady.
Jubbulpore . .	1·12	Crops injured by rain and *rabi* sowings stopped. Health fair. Prices steady.
Saugor (Nov. 2nd)	·29	Close of week wet. *Rabi* sowings commenced. Health good. Prices rising slightly.
Seoni . . .	·05	Weather cloudy. *Rabi* sowings impeded. Fever prevalent; small-pox and cattle-disease in places. Prices slightly fallen.
Hoshangabad . .	.....	*Rabi* sowings begun. Fever in two tahsils. Prices stationary.
Bilaspur . . .	.....	*Kodo* and gram good; oilseeds and cotton injured by cloudy weather. Severe cholera in places. Exports of linseed, rice and wheat in tahsil Mungeli. *Kharif* harvest commenced; linseed and *tiura* sowings rotted. Fever prevalent in tahsil Seorinarain. *Kharif* harvest begun.
Khandwa . .	·31	Weather cool and clear. *Kharif* crops much damaged by rain. Slight cholera.
Raipur . . .	2·68	Weather getting clear. *Rain* beneficial to standing crops and *rabi* sowings; rice and *ko o* flowering; wheat sowings commenced. Prices stationary.
Sambalpur (Oct. 30th)	1·36	Weather cloudy and warm. Prospects unchanged; reaping of rice commenced on uplands, yield 3 to 8 annas. Rice exports ceased. Cholera in places; cattle-disease prevalent.
		General Remarks.—The recent rain has damaged standing crops in Northern and Western districts and impeded *rabi* sowings, but in Nagpur and Raipur it has been beneficial; linseed and cotton injured in Bilaspur; prospects are unchanged in Sambalpur. Fever in some districts. Prices generally steady.
Lower Burma—(Nov. 3rd)		
Akyab (Oct. 30th)	*Nil*; total rainfall 140·62.	Public health and health of cattle good. Crops healthy.
Bassein . . .	7·80; total rainfall 100·48.	Seven cases of cholera in town; cattle healthy. Crops promising.
Rangoon . .	0·41; total rainfall 97·15.	Public health and health of cattle good.
Amherst (Moulmein) .	1·24; total rainfall 157·16.	Public health and health of cattle good. Prospect of crops good.
Tavoy . .	1·49; total rainfall 215·64.	Public health and health of cattle good. Prospect of crops good; early crops about to be reaped.
Pegu . . .	0·47; total rainfall 116·47.	Public health and health of cattle good.
Henzada . .	1·25; total rainfall 85·72.	Public health and health of cattle good.
Prome . . .	*Nil*	Cholera abating in Paungdè; cattle healthy. Planting over; standing crops doing well.
Tounghoo . .	·09; total rainfall 77·35.	Nine cases of cholera in town; cattle healthy. Crop prospects good.
Thayetmayo . .	*Nil*	Public health and health of cattle good. Crops in good condition.
		General Remarks.—Slight cholera in two townships of Tharrawaddy; a few cases also in towns of Bassein and Tounghoo; abating in Paungdè, otherwise public health good. Relief works in Amherst district proceeding satisfactorily. Cattle healthy. Crops doing well.
Assam—(Nov. 3rd)		
Gauhati . .	·33; during week ending 2nd instant.	Weather seasonable. Cholera very prevalent in Nalbari on north bank, but diminishing in the station; cholera also reported in Barpetá station; cattle-disease reported from some mouzahs. *Matikalai* sowing still in progress; sowing of mustard commenced; prospects of crops good.
Sylhet . .	*Nil*	State and prospects of crops generally favourable.
Cachar . .	·85	Weather cool. Prospects of rice crops good. Common rice 14 seers 8¾ chittacks per rupee. Outturn of tea falling off. Blight still to be seen. Health good.
Dibrugarh . .	2·02	Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good; tea season closing rapidly; sowing of mustard continues. Public health indifferent; cholera reported in Sadr subdivision.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Mysore and Coorg—(Nov. 3rd)		
Bangalore . .	Rainfall general and heavy in parts of the Tumkur district.	Standing crops generally in good condition; prospects of season favourable. Public health good. Prices slightly fallen throughout the State.
Mysore . .		
Mercara . . .	6·17	Prospects continue good. Prices slightly fallen.
Berar and Hyderabad—(Nov. 3rd)		
Amraoti .	·37	Weather clear. Crops in good condition; cotton-picking continues; wheat sowing progressing. Wheat 22 and *juari* 26 seers per rupee.
Akola . .	·86	Weather clear. Crops progressing favourably; *rabi* sowings completed.
Hyderabad . .	Average ·14 (total 39·66).	*Rabi* sowings in progress; *kharif* crops continue to be reaped. Cholera prevalent in one taluka in a mild form; fever and ague prevalent throughout the districts. Prices—wheat 14, coarse rice 11, white *juari* 17, yellow *juari* 22¾ and *tur* 16 seers per current sicca rupee.
Central India States—(Nov. 3rd)		
Indore . . .	*Nil* (total 33·95).	Weather clear and cooler.
Morar (Gwalior) .	·63 (total 28·64).	Health and prospects good. Weather seasonable.
Neemuch . .	·20 (total 28·36).	Fever still prevalent. Weather getting cold.
Goona . . .	·02	Health and prospects good.
Sutna . . .	·92	Health good.
Agar . . .	Slight showers	Health and prospects good.
Sehore . . .	1·62	Weather clear. Health and crops good. Late showers have interfered with *rabi* operations.
Nowgong . .	·03 (total 39·91).	Weather seasonable. Prices steady. Fever prevalent.
Bhopawar (Manpur) .	·25 (total 38·90).	Health good. Prices stationary.
Rajputana—(Nov. 3rd)		
Abu (Nov. 3rd)	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Fever abating.
Sirohi (Oct. 31st)	*Nil*	Tanks full; wells good; health good. Crops all cut; *rabi* sowings proceeding. Weather fine, clear and warm.
Marwar („ 13th)	*Nil*	Tanks almost full. Fever almost disappeared; general health good. *Kharif* being still cut; *rabi* sowings in progress. Nights getting cool. Prices stationary.
Kherwara („ 31st)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells full. *Rabi* sowings still progressing. Health good. Prices stationary.
Pertabgarh („ 30th)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells decreasing daily. Health good. Prices steady. Weather cold.
Meywar („ 30th)	*Nil*	Tanks' and wells' water decreasing. Crops average. Health very fair. Prices stationary. Fine, dry and cold weather set in.
Harowti („ 31st)	Tonk, ·03	Weather colder. *Juari* being harvested. Health good.
Kotah („ 30th)	*Nil*	Health good. Some injury to *kharif* crops by late rain. Weather now clear.
Ajmere (Nov. 2nd)	*Nil*	*Rabi* sowings in progress. Slight fever throughout district. Prices stationary.
Kerowlee (Oct. 30th)	·04	Tanks and wells drying. *Rabi* cultivation progressing. Slight fever. Prices rising. Weather cloudy.
Dholepur („ 31st)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells drying. *Rabi* sowings continue. Health good. Prices falling. Weather seasonable.
Ulwar (Nov. 2nd)	*Nil*	*Rabi* sowings commenced. Health satisfactory. Prices stationary.
Bikanir (Oct. 30th)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells low. Fever in three districts. Prices stationary.
Nepal—(Oct. 28th)		
Katmandu (Oct. 29th)	*Nil*	Prospects fair. The cutting of the rice crops has begun in the hills.

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PRICES CURRENT OF FOOD-GRAINS THROUGHOUT INDIA FOR THE 1st HALF OF OCTOBER 1886.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													
Provinces.	Districts.	Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoideum*).	Marua or Ragi (*Eleusine coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, Italian millet (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chenna, Chola, Kadalay or Sunaga (*Cicer arietinum*).	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thir Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	Remarks.
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
Madras.	Ganjam	10 5	...	13 0	13 14	...	...	23 6	...	...	...	...	215 13	13 13	
	Vizagapatam	10 0	...	9 8	11 5	25 14	25 11	26 5	...	...	...	...	93 5	14 0	
	Godavery	8 2	...	13 14	15 0	26 14	28 3	30 0	...	...	...	...	243 0	13 0	
	Kistna	7 6	...	13 8	14 11	18 11	...	26 8	...	...	...	...	145 13	14 10	
	Nellore	10 13	...	11 14	13 13	21 10	20 14	25 8	...	...	...	...	93 5	11 11	
	Cuddapah	14 0	...	11 8	14 2	23 11	26 2	25 8	...	...	...	...	140 0*	14 6	
	Anantapur	13 6	...	11 3	13 0	31 14	28 3	30 2	...	...	...	...	77 13	12 8	
	Bellary	16 5	...	11 3	11 14	29 14	24 6	29 2	...	...	...	...	97 3	13 2	
	Kurnool	12 11	...	11 6	12 3	25 5	23 2	...	...	...	...	...	138 13	13 11	
	Madras	10 13	...	12 3	14 3	22 5	22 10	25 10	...	...	...	...	85 2	14 10	
	Chingleput	...	...	11 10	13 10	...	21 2	24 11	...	...	...	...	97 3	14 11	
	North Arcot	10 3	...	15 5	17 14	33 11	...	31 2	...	...	...	...	140 0	13 5	
	South Arcot	9 0	...	13 14	15 5	...	30 13	27 13	...	...	...	...	201 11	14 0	
	Tanjore	9 3	...	16 3	18 6	...	40 10	36 3	...	...	...	...	166 3	13 5	
	Trichinopoly	9 14	...	15 8	16 0	26 10	25 6	34 2	...	...	...	...	109 6	13 13	
	Madura	9 13	...	14 11	15 10	34 0	29 6	37 3	...	...	...	...	111 13	15 0	
	Tinnevelly	9 3	...	13 2	16 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70 0	16 8	
	Coimbatore	10 11	...	13 0	14 0	25 11	25 6	26 3	...	...	...	...	97 3	14 2	
	Nilgiris	8 8	...	9 6	11 3	17 11	16 13	18 11	...	...	...	...	161 13	11 0	
	Salem	11 2	...	11 2	14 2	23 11	21 5	27 6	...	...	...	...	186 10	15 13	
	South Canara	9 10	...	13 6	16 0	...	...	21 13	...	...	...	...	126 6	17 6	
	Malabar	8 5	...	13 0	13 3	...	...	19 0	...	...	...	...	155 8	14 6	
Bay.	Bombay	9 8	21 1	7 6	10 13	18 10	14 11	15 0	15 5	15 15	17 11	8 12	60 5	12 9	
	Daskrohi	12 0	22 8	6 8	11 8	20 0	16 0	...	...	16 0	...	...	80 0	16 8	
	Kaira	11 4	22 12	8 4	8 12	20 0	16 0	21 4	...	16 0	...	10 0	80 0	16 0	
	Surat	12 0	18 0	8 0	10 0	19 0	18 0	...	...	13 0	...	9 0	80 0	16 0	
	Broach	16 0	...	8 0	11 0	16 0	15 1½	...	...	18 1	...	12 0	120 0	14 2½	
	Tanna (Salsette)	10 6	...	8 3	10 0	14 0	14 6	...	...	12 5	...	8 0	71 2	15 9	
	Colába (Alibag)	10 12	...	7 4	11 4	...	13 0	...	...	12 12	...	8 2	100 0	12 0	
	Khandesh (Dhulia)	14 5	...	7 8	10 8	28 11	21 6	...	14 8	14 5	...	10 8	131 0	12 5	
	Násik	13 12	12 8	10 3	11 9	24 12	17 14	20 4	...	16 8	...	9 6	106 8	13 12	
	Ahmednagar	13 4	10 14	8 2	9 15	28 1	21 3	...	...	18 2	...	11 3	93 7	10 10	
	Poona (City)	11 8	8 12	8 9	9 13	23 15	17 4	16 6	...	14 15	...	10 2	60 13	11 11	
	Sholápur	13 9	23 3	9 1	10 6	28 0	20 10	...	19 8	15 15	...	12 0	80 0	13 4	
	Bijapur	17 2	14 10	7 1	9 12	32 1	27 3	...	...	15 5	...	11 3½	100 0	11 4	
	Satara	13 6	...	8 14	10 0	22 10	20 11	...	...	14 15	...	...	97 0	11 10	
	Belgaum	16 8	11 8	10 8	11 0	20 0	21 0	26 0	...	12 8	...	9 8	100 0	12 0	
	Dharwar (Hubli)	17 0	...	10 0	11 0	25 0	21 0	31 0	...	14 0	...	8 0	80 0	10 0	
	Ratnágiri	10 9	...	8 9	10 9	15 10	14 1	18 13	...	14 0	...	10 4	120 0	12 15	

BOM.	Karwar	11 0	...	7 0	13 0	16 0	14 0	21 0	8 0	13 0	...	11 8	213 5½	11 0		
	Pánch Mahals (Godhra)	10 0	...	9 11	10 10	...	16 0	22 0	...	20 8	25 0	9 6	320 0	16 0		
	Aden	8 0	...	6 [illegible]	8 0	11 3	10 3	...	...	11 3	...	5 9	65 5	32 0		
	Asirgarh Cantonment	15 0	...	11 0	12 0	29 0	29 0	...	19 0	20 0	...	9 8	160 0	12 0		
	Baroda Camp (Sadar Bazar)	11 1	16 0	6 14	8 0	17 2	14 14	18 5	...	13 11	...	10 5	80 0	13 11		
	Disa Cantonment	15 11	23 10	7 2	8 8	23 8	26 2	...	...	17 8	...	11 0	120 0	13 0		
	Nimach Cantonment	17 0	20 0	5 0	8 0	30 0	21 0	...	...	23 0	38 0	13 0	160 0	13 0		
	Nasirabad Cantonment	17 13½	28 3½	7 0	8 0	32 0	22 0	...	12 0	28 4½	32 0	13 0	90 0	15 8		
	Rajkot Station	17 0	...	6 8	9 0	20 8	13 8	...	...	16 0	...	7 8	80 0	40 0		
	Upper Sind Frontier	13 5	20 0	10 0	16 0	21 4	21 4	...	...	13 5	...	13 5	160 0	13 0[s]	* In common use.	
	Karachi	12 0	18 0	8 0	14 0	18 0	16 0	...	...	18 0	15 0	7 0	85 0	16 0		
	Haidarabad (Gidu Bunder)	12 8	22 8	8 8	19 8	22 8	18 8	...	...	17 8	...	...	160 0	13 8		
	Shikarpur	12 0	18 0	9 8	13 0	18 0	21 0	...	...	17 0	...	11 0	140 0	13 0		
	Sukkur	14 0	21 0	10 0	15 0	20 0	20 0	...	...	20 0	...	13 0	120 0	13 0		
	Thar & Parkar (Umarkot)	15 0	...	...	14 0	...	18 8	...	...	...	...	...	160 0	14 12		
BENGAL.	*Western Districts.*															
	Burdwan	15 0	...	16 0	22 0	...	...	...	...	20 8	...	26 0	120 0	...a		
	Bankoora	19 0	25 0	22 0	25 0	...	...	...	...	18 12	37 0	20 0	240 0	11 10b		
	Beerbhoom	22 0	...	20 0	23 0	...	...	...	...	25 0	...	....	160 0	12 0c		
	Midnapore	18 0	...	15 0	22 0	...	...	...	...	17 0	...	14 0	155 0	12 8d		
	Hooghly	16 0	...	10 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	19 0	...	13 0	120 0	13 0e		
	Howrah	15 4	...	12 0	16 8	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	15 0	90 0	12 0		
	Central Districts.															
	Calcutta	15 0	21 4	9 14	16 9	15 0	13 0	...	18 4	19 4	25 0	18 0	80 0	13 0		
	24-Pergunnahs	14 8	21 4	8 0	14 8	...	...	...	...	20 0	24 10	21 4	90 0	12 5f		
	Nuddea	15 12	26 5½	14 12	16 14	...	...	...	...	22 14	...	20 0	..	11 10½g		
	Khoolna	...	...	15 8	18 0	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	...	160 0	10 8h		
	Jessore	16 0	...	13 8	20 0	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	20 0	120 0	10 12i		
	Moorshedabad	17 0	...	13 4	20 0	...	...	...	...	26 10	20 0	19 0	120 0	...j		
	Dinagepore	14 0	21 0	16 8	21 0	...	...	...	...	22 0	...	...	160 0	12 0		
	Rajshahye	20 0	35 0	16 0	19 8	...	...	...	...	25 0	...	17 0	240 0	12 0k		
	Rungpore	18 0	...	15 0	16 8	...	...	...	...	17 8	...	11 8	120 0	11 8l		
	Bogra	18 12	...	15 0	21 0	...	...	...	...	17 4	...	...	90 0	10 8		
	Pubna	20 0	...	8 0	22 8	...	...	...	...	21 0	...	18 12	200 0	11 4m		
	Darjeeling	9 0	10 0	5 0	11 0	...	...	14 0	...	11 0	24 0	8 0	120 0	9 0		
	Jalpáiguri	12 8	20 0	12 0	22 0	...	...	...	...	15 5	...	...	128 0	...n		
	Eastern Districts.															
	Dacca	14 0	26 0	14 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	...	120 0	10 8o		
	Furreedpore	21 0	25 0	16 0	17 0	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	14 0	120 0	12 12p		
	Backergunge	...	...	14 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	13 0	120 0	11 8q		
	Mymensingh	12 0	...	13 0	15 0	...	...	...	...	17 0	...	...	...	11 4r		
	Chittagong	16 0	...	9 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	14 0	...	12 0	75 0	12 0s		
	Noakholly	No return received.														
	Tipperah	13 5	...	13 8	17 3	...	...	...	...	17 13½	...	9 11	...	11 0t		
	Chittagong Hill Tracts	...	...	8 14	10 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	320 0	8 0		
	Hill Tipperah	12 0	...	10 0	14 0	...	...	...	...	12 0	...	16 0	...	11 0		

a In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Culna 13-8 seers, Cutwa 12-8 seers, and Raneegunge 13 seers.
b At Bishenpore retail price of salt 11 seers per rupee.
c At Rampore Hât retail price of salt 13-4 seers per rupee.
d At Contai retail price of salt 12-8 seers per rupee.
e In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Serampore 12 seers and Jehanabad 13-8 seers.
f In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Baraset, Bussirhat, and Barrackpore 12 seers, Diamond Harbour (at Kulpihat) 13 seers, and Dum-Dum 11 seers.
g In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Meherpore 12 seers, Ranaghat 12-14 seers.
h At Satkhira and Bagirhat retail price of salt 11 seers per rupee.
i In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Jhenida and Narail 12 seers, Magoora 10-12 seers, and Bongong 13 seers.
j In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Lalbagh and Kandi 12 seers and Jungipore 12-5 seers.
k In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Nattore 12 seers and Nowgong 10-10½ seers.
l In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Gaibanda 9-9 seers, Kurigram 12 seers, and Nilphamari 13 seers.
m At Serajgunge retail price of salt 12-8 seers per rupee.
n At Fallacotta in the Alipore sub-division retail price of salt 10 seers per rupee.
o At Manickgunge and Naraingunge retail price of salt 11 seers per rupee.
p At Madaripore retail price of salt 11-8 seers per rupee.
q In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Patuakhali 9 seers, Perozepore 11 seers, and Bhola 10-8 seers.
r In the sub-divisions retail prices of salt per rupee were:—Kishoregunge 9-2 seers, Attea 12 seers, Jamalpore 10-8 seers, Sherpore 10 seers, and Netrokona 12-5 seers.
s At Cox's Bazar retail price of salt 11 seers per rupee.
t At Brahmunberiah and Chandpore retail price of salt 11 seers per rupee.

PRICES CURRENT OF FOOD-GRAINS THROUGHOUT INDIA FOR THE 1st HALF OF OCTOBER 1886—*continued.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PROVINCES.	DISTRICTS.	QUANTITIES PER RUPEE IN SEERS OF 80 TOLAS.													REMARKS.
		Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoideum*).	Marua or Ragi (*Eleusine coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, Italian millet (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chenna, Chola, Kadalay or Sunagá (*Cicer arietinum*).	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thúr Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
BENGAL—*continued.*	*Behar.*														
	Patna	21 8	34 0	11 8	20 8	26 0	26 0	26 0	20 0	31 0	35 0	26 0	116 0	11 8	
	Gya	18 0	28 0	9 0	16 8	...	...	...	16 0	23 0	...	24 0	120 0	11 0	
	Shahabad	18 0	30 0	8 0	18 0	...	...	...	...	28 0	...	13 8	160 0	12 0	
	Durbhunga	17 0	23 8	12 0	17 0	...	...	28 0	22 0	21 8	25 0	21 0	160 0	11 8	
	Mozufferpore	18 0	30 0	11 0	18 0	...	...	30 0	...	26 0	26 0	21 0	140 0	12 0	
	Sarun	18 8	30 0	8 0	20 0	...	...	26 8	16 0	25 8	29 0	25 0	140 0	12 0	
	Chumparun	20 0	29 0	10 0	15 0	...	...	...	...	17 0	27 0	23 0	...	11 0	
	Monghyr	20 0	33 8	13 12	16 14	...	...	...	42 0	26 4	42 0	22 0	126 0	12 1	
	Bhágalpur	17 10	35 5	15 12	18 4	...	...	...	...	26 8	37 14	21 7	178 0	12 0	
	Purneah	20 0	...	16 0	20 0	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	...	128 0	10 8	
	Maldah	17 0	...	14 0	20 0	...	...	...	...	27 8	...	...	140 0	11 0	
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	13 0	...	16 0	25 0	...	...	...	...	18 0	70 0	21 0	200 0	12 0	
	Orissa.														
	Cuttack	17 1	...	10 8	18 6	...	...	...	...	kalai 18 6	...	...	80 0	14 0	
	Pooree	14 7	...	11 13	15 12	...	...	...	...	,, 15 12	...	15 12	80 0	14 7	
	Balasore	13 0	13 0	13 0	24 0	...	...	...	...	14 0	...	13 0	80 0	10 0	
	CHOTA NAGPORE. *South-Western Frontier Agency.*														
	Hazáribágh	15 0	18 0	10 0	21 0	...	...	(new) 66 0	...	21 8	40 0	18 0	220 0	9 0	
	Lohardugga	24 0	18 0	16 0	(new) 32 0 / (old) 22 0	...	...	40 0	...	18 0	40 0	18 0	120 0	9 0	
	Singbhoom	24 0	24 0	28 0	32 0	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	21 0	360 0	9 0	
	Manbhoom	17 0	...	15 0	26 0	...	...	...	...	17 0	45 0	...	240 0	10 10	
ASSAM.	Sylhet	10 10	...	10 8	14 14	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	13 0	108 0	11 8	
	Cáchár	11 6½	...	8 0	14 4	...	...	...	...	16 0	...	11 6½	80 0	11 2	
	Goálpará	20 0	...	8 0	20 0	...	...	...	...	15 0	...	11 0	80 0	11 0	
	Gáro Hills	8 0	...	5 0	12 0	...	...	...	...	10 0	...	9 0	160 0	8 0	
	Kámrúp	16 0	...	8 0	12 0	...	...	...	...	14 0	...	11 0	160 0	11 0	
	Darrang	7 0	...	7 0	12 0	...	...	...	...	12 0	...	10 0	150 0	9 0	
	Nowgong	8 0	...	7 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	11 0	...	10 0	120 0	10 0	
	Sibságar	...	...	8 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	11 0	...	10 0	80 0	9 0	
	Lakhimpur	9 0	...	10 0	16 0	...	...	...	...	12 0	8 0	10 8	160 0	9 8	
	Khási and Jaintiá Hills	...	...	6 0	8 0	...	...	...	...	8 8	16 0	8 0	100 0	8 0	
	Nágá Hills	...	...	...	6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 0	64 0	3 0	
	Dehra Dún	18 0	31 0	6 0	10 8	16 0	20 0	25 0	...	24 8	30 0	24 0	160 0	11 0	
	Saháranpur	19 5½	32 4	7 8½	12 14½	26 14	21 8	43 0	43 0	26 14	32 4	21 8	107 8	12 5½	
	Muzaffarnagar	19 12	33 0	6 9	15 6	27 8	24 6	22 0	11 0	26 6	28 11	15 6	110 0	13 2	
	Meerut	18 0	30 0	6 0	14 0	27 0	21 0	22 0	22 0	27 8	29 0	29 0	100 0	13 8	
	Bulandshahr	19 12	37 0	6 0	10 5	30 0	20 0	...	22 0	32 0	35 0	24 0	160 0	13 0	
	Aligarh	19 0	33 0	5 4	10 4	25 0	27 8	...	17 8	32 0	36 0	33 0	140 0	14 8	
	Kumaun	14 0	16 0	11 0	12 0	...	...	20 0	24 0	14 0	20 0	10 0	200 0	8 0	
	Garhwál	16 0	20 0	7 0	9 8	22 0	...	9 8	30 0	8 0	...	9 0	160 0	6 14	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Provinces.	Districts.	Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													Remarks.
		Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoidum*).	Marua or Ragi (*Eleusine coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, Italian millet (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chenna, Chola, Kadalay or Sunnaga (*Cicer arietinum.*)	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thar Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
Punjab—*continued.*	Ferozepore	19 0	31 0	...	11 0	28 0	22 0	...	12 0	31 0	32 0	...	90 0	14 0	
	Mooltan	14 0	22 0	...	8 0	24 0	12 0	...	15 0	23 0	16 0	...	80 0	15 0	
	Jhang	15 0	28 0	...	10 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	21 0	18 0	10 0	200 0	14 0	
	Montgomery	16 0	24 0	...	10 0	...	...	...	...	24 0	...	12 0	200 0	12 0	
	Lahore	18 0	28 0	...	11 0	25 0	18 0	...	24 0	26 0	21 0	14 0	90 0	14 0	
	Amritsar	20 0	37 0	...	13 0	35 0	19 0	17 0	20 0	29 0	29 0	17 0	90 0	15 0	
	Gurdáspur	24 0	30 0	...	13 0	24 0	14 0	...	16 0	27 0	28 0	...	120 0	14 0	
	Siálkot	18 0	38 0	...	13 0	29 0	...	...	25 0	25 0	26 0	12 0	120 0	15 0	
	Gujrát	20 0	35 0	...	13 0	27 0	27 0	...	...	25 0	26 0	...	100 0	16 0	
	Gujránwála	17 0	34 0	...	13 0	26 0	20 0	30 0	16 0	25 0	25 0	...	160 0	14 0	
	Shahpur	18 0	28 0	...	12 0	23 0	21 0	24 0	20 0	24 0	22 0	10 0	240 0	16 0	
	Jhelum	19 0	32 0	...	11 0	27 0	24 0	...	10 0	24 0	27 0	13 0	140 0	16 0	
	Ráwalpindi	19 0	30 0	...	10 0	...	30 0	...	23 0	26 0	26 0	25 0	96 0	15 6	
	Hazára	16 0	21 0	...	11 0	...	20 0	...	...	18 0	20 0	...	100 0	12 0	
	Pesháwar	17 0	26 0	...	13 0	20 0	23 0	...	19 0	21 0	21 0	29 0	105 0	45 5	
	Kohát	17 0	25 0	...	16 0	17 0	20 0	...	...	22 0	20 0	...	150 0	60 0	
	Bannu	21 0	34 0	...	10 0	25 0	23 0	...	7 0	31 0	29 0	15 0	80 0	40 0	
	D. I. Khán	17 0	27 0	...	8 0	24 0	23 0	15 0	6 0	24 0	...	...	113 0	34 0	
	D. G. Khán	15 0	21 0	...	9 0	25 0	21 0	15 0	15 0	21 0	15 0	...	125 0	...	
	Muzaffargarh	15 0	21 0	...	10 0	20 0	16 0	...	16 0	19 0	...	...	100 0	14 0	
Central Provinces.	Saugor	20 10	...	8 12	9 1	...	...	...	...	27 12	...	16 0	160 0	9 2	
	Damoh	...	...	10 11	11 7	...	...	...	...	29 1	...	12 13	200 0	9 13	
	Jubbulpore	16 0	...	9 0	11 0	...	...	...	...	22 0	...	13 0	120 0	11 0	
	Mandla	18 0	...	10 0	12 0	...	...	...	...	25 0	...	11 0	256 0	11 0	
	Seoni	17 15	...	8 0	9 12	...	...	...	...	19 8	...	10 15	210 0	10 11	
	Narsinghpur	16 6	...	9 12	11 5	...	...	...	...	23 5	...	15 14	140 0	11 7	
	Hoshangabad	16 0	...	7 0	9 0	...	...	...	...	20 0	...	13 0	200 0	10 14	
	Nimár	...	...	7 8	10 15	35 7	...	...	...	18 9	...	10 4	120 0	11 15	
	Betul	16 12	...	9 10	12 5	20 3	...	...	...	19 7	...	9 8	320 0	9 1	
	Chhindwára	13 13	...	6 11	8 14	18 0	...	...	...	21 11	...	9 0	140 0	9 2	
	Wardha	16 0	...	8 14	10 0	20 0	...	...	...	16 0	..	11 7	160 0	10 11	
	Nágpur	17 13	...	8 7	11 9	22 8	...	...	...	18 12	...	12 3	120 0	10 14	
	Chánda	17 3	...	...	12 8	18 0	...	...	...	17 0	...	12 10	675 0	10 5	
	Bhandára	16 4	...	8 12	13 12	...	...	...	...	18 12	...	11 4	180 0	9 0	
	Bálaghát	17 1	...	13 2	16 9	...	...	...	...	14 6	...	15 0	144 0	9 0	
	Raipur	22 15	...	12 6	19 11	...	...	...	...	22 0	...	17 4	60 0	11 12	
	Bilaspur	22 3	...	13 8	20 4	...	...	...	...	29 5	...	17 8	128 0	9 0	
	Sambalpur	21 0	...	20 2	28 0					19 8		13 0	160 0	11 6	
	Arakan Division.														
	Akyab	...	...	11 0	14 8	...	...	...	...	10 0	...	...	160 0	35 0	
	Kyoukpyu	...	...	18 0	19 8	...	...	...	...	5 0	...	...	50 0	42 0	
	Sandoway	...	...	19 2	22 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	469 11	39 0	

	Pegu Division.															
Lower Burma.	Rangoon Town	11 2	...	12 6	14 2	...	...	...	...	15 2	...	...	320 0	29 2		
	Pegu	...	...	10 7	12 15	...	...	...	...	11 3	...	...	135 0	26 15		
	Tharrawaddy	...	...	11 14	12 15	...	...	...	...	11 1	17 13	...	535 11	25 5		
	Prome	12 2	...	12 3	13 12	...	...	...	...	12 7	33 9	...	209 8	18 10		
	Irrawaddy Division.															
	Bassein	...	...	13 2	15 8	...	...	...	...	10 7	...	...	310 14	28 6		
	Henzada	...	...	11 15	15 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	183 8	35 8		
	Thonegwa	No return received.														
	Thayetmyo	10 15	...	9 7	11 5	...	...	...	...	11 1	...	...	367 8	18 15		
	Tenasserim Division.															
	Moulmein Town and Amherst	9 0	...	9 11	11 2	...	...	...	...	12 2	12 2	...	220 0	30 8		
	Tavoy	...	...	13 0	17 15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	399 3	16 1		
	Mergui	...	...	14 9	16 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	428 0	14 9		
	Toungoo	...	...	10 10	12 13	...	...	...	...	8 11	...	...	27 0	18 12		
	Shwaygyin	...	...	10 10	11 5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200 0	18 14		
Hyderabad Assigned Districts.	Secunderabad	14 7	...	6 13	11 4	21 7	...	...	...	11 15	...	9 13	115 0	10 3		
	Bolarum	16 14	...	7 14	9 9	24 9½	...	...	...	14 7	...	...	116 14	10 7		
	Chadarghat	12 0	...	6 0	9 0	23 0	23 0	...	...	12 8	...	10 0	88 0	9 8		
	Amráoti	16 12	...	7 0	9 0	26 0	17 8	...	...	16 0	...	10 0	*	12 0	* Firewood is sold by head-load, bullock-load, and cart-load, and not by weight.	
	Akola	18 0	...	7 0	11 0	26 0	21 0	...	...	16 0	...	16 0	*	12 0		
	Ellichpur	17 0	9 0	6 2	9 0	24 0	...	15 0	...	14 0	...	9 0	*	11 0		
	Buldana	18 0	...	8 0	11 0	36 0	28 0	...	...	22 0	...	9 0	*	10 0		
	Wun	18 0	...	8 0	11 0	29 4	...	...	...	17 0	...	...	*	11 0		
	Basim	20 5	...	7 2	11 0	36 10	...	...	...	18 0	...	...	*	10 0		
Mysore.	Bangalore	No return received.														
	Kolar															
	Túmkúr															
	Mysore															
	Hassan															
	Shimoga															
	Kadur															
	Chitaldroog															
Coorg	Coorg	10 4	9 12	12 14	15 15	...	...	31 8	...	23 11	...	...	110 0	11 13		
Rajpootana.	Jeypore	15 8	28 0	4 8	8 12	32 0	22 8	...	23 0	27 4	31 0	33 0	115 0	14 0		
	Kishengurh	17 0	28 4	8 0	9 0	35 8	23 8	...	...	28 4	28 4	...	...	16 0		
	Kerrowlee	19 7	29 6	12 8	15 0	30 0	22 15	...	27 8	28 12	...	40 0	200 0	12 15		
	Ulwur	18 12	28 1	7 2	10 8	27 0	22 15	...	19 4	28 9	28 0	35 0	200 0	15 0		
	Bhurtpore (City)	18 4	29 4	7 0	8 4	25 6	26 6	...	15 12	29 0	27 0	32 0	160 0	12 0		
	Ajmere	16 0	27 0	3 0	8 0	30 0	22	...	...	27 0	28 0	...	80 0	14 0		
	Deoli Cantonment	21 15½	34 4	5 8	11 0	38 0	28 8	...	...	35 13	...	...	260 0	13 8		
	Erinpura	17 4	31 8	...	8 8	23 0	22 0	...	...	26 8	...	...	260 0	14 0		
	Sirohee	17 0	30 0	6 0	8 0	19 0	23 0	...	20 0	19 0	25 0	15 0	200 0	14 0		
	Abu	14 0	22 0	5 8	7 8	...	19 0	...	...	19 0	...	10 0	...	13 0		
	Anadra	18 3	25 0	6 0	8 0	...	21 0	...	...	21 0	...	12 0	...	13 7		
	Bálmere	16 8	...	5 0	9 0	...	27 0	...	...	16 0	...	...	240 0	18 0		
	Jeysalmere	13 0	...	10 6	12 10	17 0	17 0	...	...	14 8	...	...	...	25 9		
	Hilly Tracts of Meywar	20 0	24 0	...	16 0	...	...	...	...	22 0	39 0	...	†	11 2	† Ten pies per bundle.	
	Meywar (Oodeypore)	14 1	20 5	8 9½	9 6	17 15½	12 8	...	16 6½	16 6½	21 14	...	200 0	11 11½		
	Bánswára (Meywar Agency)	22 8	27 8	8 12	17 8	20 0	...	...	...	32 8	40 0	...	...	12 8		
	Partábgarh (,,)	18 6	18 12	8 2	10 0	20 0	18 12	...	...	20 0	27 8	21 14	...	17 5		
	Marwar (Jodhpore)	16 14	25 0	6 4	7 8	25 0	22 8	...	...	24 6	24 6	...	...	16 4		

PRICES CURRENT OF FOOD-GRAINS THROUGHOUT INDIA FOR THE 1st HALF OF OCTOBER 1886—*concluded.*

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		Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Pennisetum typhoideum*).	Marua or Ragi (*Eleusine coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, millet Italian (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Chola, Kadalay or Sunaga (*Cicer arietinum*).	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thár Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
Rajpootana—*contd.*	Bikaneer	10 3	...	3 15	6 13	...	15 4	...	...	18 11	...	8 8	100 0	14 0	
	Boondee	24 0	36 8	11 0	11 8	38 0	...	...	...	38 0	36 8	...	200 0	12 0	
	Kotah	22 0	25 0	7 0	9 0	30 0	20 0	...	...	35 0	30 0	20 0	240 0	11 8	
	Tonk	18 0	32 0	8 8	9 8	37 12	...	...	...	37 0	...	...	80 0	13 0	
	Jhallawar	22 9	23 14	9 6	11 13	33 2	14 9½	...	17 11	37 12	36 4	11 12	175 0	10 14	
	Shahpoora	21 4	31 0	9 0	12 0	28 4	22 2	...	...	26 8	35 12	...	160 0	13 0	
	Dholpur	17 8	24 8	9 0	9 8	27 0	26 0	...	21 6	26 6	...	38 8	90 0	13 8	
Central India.	Indore	13 5	21 0	8 9	10 0	30 0	28 3	*	*	21 14	34 4	16 0	100 0	12 0	
	Gwalior	18 13	21 12	7 12	10 4	20 14	21 6	*	14 8	22 11	25 6	31 5	126 14	10 14	* Not sold.
	Goona	28 0	20 0	9 0	9 8	32 0	...	*	*	44 0	50 0	15 0	200 0	12 0	
	Baghelkhand (Sutna)	19 0	30 0	8 0	15 8	21 0	20 0	*	*	27 0	...	32 8	160 0	12 0	

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Province.	District.	Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													Remarks.
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		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
Bombay.	Aden	8 0	...	6 3	8 0	11 3	10 3	...	...	11 3	...	5 9	65 5	32 0	
	Nimach Cantonment	17 0	20 0	5 0	8 0	28 0	22 0	...	...	22 0	35 0	13 0	180 0	13 0	

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEKS ENDING 10th AND 17th NOVEMBER 1886.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Except in Madras, Mysore, Bombay, Hyderabad, Burma and in a few districts in Bengal and the Central Provinces, there has been no rain in the country during the fortnight ending the 17th instant. No report has been received from Burma for the second week.

The *kharif* harvest continues in active progress in Bombay, the Punjab, Central Provinces, Rajputana and Hyderabad, and has been completed in most places in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. In Bombay and Hyderabad the crop has suffered slightly from excessive rain, but on the whole the harvest promises well everywhere. In Madras the harvest outturn is average and the general prospects good, and in Mysore and Coorg the standing crops are reported to be in good condition. In Berar and Central India the agricultural outlook is satisfactory.

The rice crop in Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Central Provinces and in Burma has done well. In Bengal the *aman* promises an excellent outturn. In Assam the crop prospects are good.

Cotton-picking continues in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the Punjab, Central Provinces and Berar. In Bombay the crop has been injured in some places by too much rain.

Poppy sowing has commenced in Bengal and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

Sowings for the *rabi* are now well advanced throughout the country, and prospects are generally very satisfactory everywhere.

The public health continues generally good in all Provinces, except in Bengal where fever is prevalent and in Ajmir where cholera has appeared.

Prices have fallen in Mysore and Coorg, and are rising in three districts of the Punjab. Elsewhere they remain generally steady.

REPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 10th NOVEMBER 1886.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—(Nov. 10th)		
Bellary . . .	(Average) ·05 .	Standing crops generally fair, but paddy in parts of one taluk withering. Harvest dry grains, outturn average in parts and below average in others. Cattle-disease in one taluk.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*contd.*		
Kurnool . . .	(Average) ·23 .	Standing crops fair, but paddy under canal suffering from want of water owing to a breach. Harvest early cereals, outturn about average. Smallpox in one and cattle-disease in four. taluks.
Ganjam . . .	Average last week since revised 1·27; this week ·29	Standing crops paddy thriving. Slight smallpox in three, and fever and cattle-disease in two taluks. Cholera exists.
Kistna . . .	(Average) ·53 .	Standing crops generally good. Harvest dry grains, outturn about average. River 3·95 feet over Anicut. Slight fever and slight cholera in two taluks.
Chingleput (Madras) .	(Average) 4·74 .	Standing crops good. Harvest paddy and *ragi*, outturn below average. Cattle-disease in four taluks.
Coimbatore . .	(Average) 1·63 .	Standing crops generally good. Harvest wet and dry grains, outturn generally above average. Smallpox in one and fever in two taluks.
Tanjore . . .	Average last week since revised 4·56; this week 7·30.	Standing crops generally good. Harvest wet and dry grains, outturn below average. Cattle-disease in two taluks.
Madura . . .	Average last week since revised 2·82; this week 2·01	Slight fever in parts.
Malabar . . .	(Average) 2·35 .	Second crop cultivation progressing. Fever and cattle-disease in one and slight smallpox in seven taluks.
Travancore . .	4·12 .	Planting of second crop paddy over. Smallpox and fever in parts *General Remarks.*—General prospects good.
Bombay—**(Nov. 10th)**		
Karachi . . .	*Nil*	River at Kotri on 8th, 6 feet 1 inch against 6 feet 7 inches on same date last year. Fever in eleven and cattle-disease in three talukas. Wheat, red-rice and *bajri* in Karachi 24, 30 and 32, and in Ghorabari *nil*, 40 and 36 pounds per rupee, respectively.
Hyderabad . . .	*Nil*	*Kharif* harvesting still continues in some talukas. Cotton crops injured by worms in Sakrand taluka. Preparations for *rabi* cultivation in progress. River at Kotri on 8th, 6 feet 1 inch against 6 feet 7 inches on same date last year. Fever in ten and cattle-disease in three talukas. Wheat 25½, *bajri* 37½, *jowari* 40, white rice 20, and red rice 26 pounds per rupee.
Ahmedabad . .	*Nil*	Reaping of *kharif* in progress. *Rabi* crops healthy. Slight fever in Dholka taluka. Wheat and *bajri* 32 pounds per rupee each.
Surat	*Nil*	Crops healthy. Reaping of *kharif* and sowing of *rabi* crops continue. Slight fever in Bardoli, Bulsar and Mandvi talukas. *Jowari* 35 and *nagli* 44 pounds per rupee.
Nasik	*Nil*	*Kharif* crops being cut and *rabi* sowings in progress. Public health good. Wheat 31⅛, *bajri* 36$\frac{28}{40}$, and rice 20$\frac{28}{40}$ pounds per rupee.
Colaba (Bombay) .	*Nil*	Abnormal temperature fell from 4° warm on 3rd to 1° cool on 8th, and then rose to *nil* on 9th. Vapour in air excessive on 3rd and 4th afterwards normal. Wind normal.
Poona . . .	*Nil*	Crops good. Reaping of *bajri* and sowing of *rabi* in progress in 6 talukas. Reaping and sowing in Indapur and Junnar completed. Public health generally good. Slight cattle-disease in Indapur and Haveli talukas. *Bajri* 41 and *jowari* 61 pounds in the district, and *bajri* 37 and *jowari* 48 pounds per rupee in Poona City.
Ahmednagar . .	*Nil*	Reaping of *kharif* in progress. Sowing of *rabi* deferred in Shrigonda and Jamkhed owing to damp. Public health good. *Bajri* average 50 and *jowari* 70 pounds per rupee.
Sholapur . . .	Barsi . . ·46 Sadha . . ·12 Sangola . . ·10	Reaping of *kharif* crops in progress. *Rabi* crops on the whole doing well. Cattle-disease in Barsi taluka. Public health good. *Jowari* 73 and *bajri* 51 pounds per rupee.
Dharwar . . .	Slight rain at 3 stations, *viz.*, Kod and Karajgi ·10 and Musjid ·12	Rice crops being reaped. Early *jowar* good. Sowing of late crops in progress. Slight cattle-disease in Kod and Kalghatgi. Fever in Bankapur, Hangal, Kod and Kalghatgi. Rice 23 and *jowari* 55 pounds per rupee.
Kanara . . .	*Nil*	Land winds set in. Rice, betel-nut and cardamom crops good. Rice harvest continues above Ghat. Slight fever in two and cattle-disease in 5 talukas. Public health good. Common rice in Karwar and in district average 13 seers per rupee.
Rajkot . . .	*Nil*	Weather hot. General health fair. Harvesting of *bajri* completed in some parts and in others progressing. Sowing of wheat in progress. Wheat 30 *bajri* 28 and *jowari* 38 pounds per rupee. *General Remarks.*—Slight rain in parts of four districts only. Reaping of *kharif* crops and *rabi* sowings still going on everywhere. Crops slightly injured by insects and blight in parts of Ratnagiri and Hyderabad, and by excessive rain in parts of Satara. Fever and cattle-disease in parts of thirteen and ten districts respectively, and smallpox in parts of one district.
Bengal—**(Nov. 9th)**		
Chittagong . .	0·02	Weather unsettled. Prospects of standing crops fair. Prices stationary. Public health good.
Dacca . . .	*Nil*	Prospects of crops good. Sowing of winter crops going on. Public health good.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*contd.*		
24-Pergunnahs	*Nil*	Prospects of crops satisfactory, although sugarcane has been partially damaged by insects. Fever in Baraset and Busseerhat sub-divisions, otherwise public health good.
Khoolna	*Nil*	Weather cloudy. *Aman* in ear, prospects fair. Sowing of winter crops going on well. Fever prevalent.
Moorshedadad	0·02	Weather cooler than before. Indigo sowings nearly over and highly successful. Late rice thriving and sugarcane promising well. Second sowings of *kalai* expected to give good outturn. Cultivation of cold-weather crops in progress. Public health good, cholera having almost disappeared.
Pubna	0·14	Weather fair. Prospects of *aman* good. Fever prevalent.
Dinagepore	*Nil*	Weather fair. Mornings and evenings cool. Prospects of late rice and sugarcane good. Cultivation of *rabi* crops going on. Cholera and cattle-disease in certain thanas.
Rungpore	*Nil*	Prospects of crops good. Cholera in the interior. Fever at head-quarters.
Midnapore	0·10	Prospects generally good. Prices low. Fever very prevalent.
Burdwan	*Nil*	Prospects of *aman* excellent. Fever prevalent.
Bhagulpore	*Nil*	Prospects excellent. Slight cholera in town.
Monghyr		Opium sowings still backward owing to extreme dampness of soil and heat, about four annas sown; prospects seem good so far.
Purneah	*Nil*	*Aghani* rice extremely good. *Rabi* prospects excellent, though sowings are backward. Tobacco being planted out. Mustard sown and being sown. *Kulthi* forward. Public health fair.
Durbhanga	*Nil*	Prospects of paddy continue satisfactory. *Rabi* sowings progressing rapidly. Poppy and tobacco look well. Prices falling. Public health generally good.
Sarun		Preparation of lands for poppy delayed owing to heavy rain.
Chumparun	*Nil*	Prospects of *aghani* crops continue favourable. Cultivation of *rabi* progressing. Sowings of poppy somewhat delayed owing to excessive moisture. Prices stationary. Cholera in the interior.
Patna	*Nil*	Prospects of paddy continue favourable; sowing of *rabi* crops on high lands progressing. *Rahar*, castor, and cotton growing well. Public health good.
Gya	*Nil*	Prospects of all crops good. Fever and cholera still reported.
Shahabad		Weather continued favourable to poppy till late; full settlement will not be sown, about two annas has been sown; season will be very backward.
Hazareebagh	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Harvesting of early paddy continues and a good outturn is expected. *Rabi* and poppy sowings in progress. Fever and cattle-disease in certain thanas.
Cuttack	0·38	Weather cloudy. Prospects of *sarad* rice good. High wind blowing at times may damage *laghu sarad*, which is coming into ear. Fever prevalent in town; otherwise public health good.
		General Remarks.—Slight rain fell in a few districts during the week. Rains appear to be over. *Aman* rice and sugarcane are generally very promising. Cultivation of *rabi* crops is proceeding well, but that of poppy in Behar is backward owing to excessive moisture on the soil. Public health not so satisfactory as before, fever being prevalent in many parts and cholera in some. There is cattle-disease in some places in Chota Nagpore.
N.-W. Provinces and Oudh—(Nov. 10th).		
Benares (Nov. 9th)		Weather clear and cool. *Kharif* harvesting nearly finished; *rabi* sowings completed. Prospects generally favourable. Markets well stocked. No change in prices. Some cases of fever and cholera still reported, otherwise public health is generally good.
Ballia („ 8th)		Weather cool and clear. *Rabi* sowings continue. Supplies ample and prices stationary. Fever throughout the district. Health otherwise good.
Gorakhpore („ „)		Weather clear and getting cold. *Rabi* sowing completed and germinations good. Prices stationary. Health fair.
Fyzabad („ 9th)		Weather clear. *Rabi* sowing nearly finished. Poppy sowing commenced. Supplies ample. Prices stationary. Cholera and cattle-disease in two tahsils.
Lucknow („ 8th)		Weather clear. *Rabi* sowings finished. *Hewant* crops being harvested. Sowing of poppy in progress. Markets well supplied. Prices steady. Fever disappearing. Slight cattle-disease.
Rai Bareilli („ „)		Weather clear and cool. *Rabi* sowings nearly completed. Markets well supplied. Prices unchanged. Cattle-disease reported from Tahsil Salon.
Pertabgarh („ 9th)		Prospects good. Prices stationary. Cholera is no longer to be heard of, though cattle-disease still lingers in some parts of Tansil Kunda.
Allahabad („ „)		Clear sky and weather cool. Harvesting of *bajra*, *mash*, *mung* and *juar* commenced. Markets full. Prices steady. Health of people and condition of cattle good.
Cawnpore („ „)	*Nil*	*Kharif* being cut in places; *rabi* sowings continue. Price of *bajra* fallen and of other grains stationary. Fever in places; slight cattle-disease in three parganas.
Farakhabad („ „)		*Kharif* harvest still in progress; *rabi* sowings completed in one tahsil. Markets well supplied. Health fair.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
N.-W. P. & Oudh—*contd.*		
Sitapur (Nov. 9th)	. . . . .	Wind has been westerly during the week, and the weather clear and bright. *Rabi* sowings are nearly over and prospects are favourable.
Bareilly („ „)	. . . . .	Weather still rather hot. Crops promise well. Prices steady. Fever decreasing and cholera much diminished. Cattle healthy.
Banda („ 8th)	*Nil*	*Bajra* being cut; *rabi* sowings continue; early sowings germinated well. Prices steady. Fever still prevailing. Cattle-disease in one village.
Kumaon („ 9th)	. . . . .	Weather fine. *Kharif* crops harvested. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Prices falling. General health good. Some cattle-disease continues.
Agra („ 8th)	*Nil*	*Kharif* crops being harvested; *rabi* being sown and early sowings coming up well and being irrigated. Prices steady. Fever continues.
Jhansi („ 9th)	. . . . .	Harvesting of *juar* commenced; *rabi* sowing in progress. Health of people and condition of cattle good.
Meerut („ 9th)	*Nil*	West winds prevalent. Prospects good. Price of seed wheat risen, other prices stationary. Health improved.
		General Remarks.—No rain but weather seasonable. *Kharif* harvesting almost finished. *Rabi* sowings nearly completed. Cholera and fever still continue in some districts, though the public health is good. Slight cattle-disease. Markets well supplied and prices stationary.
Punjab—**(Nov. 9th)**		
Delhi	*Nil*	Health fair. Prices fluctuating. *Kharif* reaping progressing.
Hissar . . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary.
Umballa . . .	*Nil*	Health fair. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops harvested. Cotton-picking in progress. Wheat sown.
Jullundur . . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices slightly rising. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Amritsar . . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary.
Sialkot . . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops being gathered. *Rabi* sowings progressing favourably.
Ferozepore . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Rabi* sowings commenced.
Lahore . . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices almost stationary. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Rawalpindi . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Mooltan . . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices fluctuating. *Kharif* crops being harvested. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Shahpur . . .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops being harvested. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Dera Ismail Khan .	*Nil*	Health good. Prices rising. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Peshawar . . .	*Nil*	Health improving. Prices fluctuating. *Kharif* crops good on irrigated lands. Rain wanted for *rabi* sowings.
		General Remarks.—No rain. Health generally good. Prices on the whole stationary. *Kharif* being harvested. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Central Provinces—**(Nov. 10th).**		
Nagpur	. . . . .	Weather cool and slightly cloudy. Prospects of *kharif* good. *Rabi* sowings progressing. Fever in parts. Prices steady.
Jubbulpore . . .	. . . . .	Weather clear and cold. *Rabi* sowings being pushed on. Cotton-picking in hand. Fever prevalent. Prices steady.
Saugor (Nov. 9th)	. . . . .	*Rabi* sowings progressing. Cotton slightly injured by late rain. Prospects good. Prices stationary.
Seoni	. . . . .	Weather cool. *Rabi* sowings progressing. Cattle-disease and small-pox in parts. Prices steady.
Hoshangabad . .	. . . . .	*Rabi* sowings progressing. Fever prevalent. Prices stationary.
Khandwa . . .	. . . . .	Weather clear and cool. Cotton-picking commenced. *Rabi* sowings almost completed. Slight cholera. Prices steady.
Bilaspur . . .	. . . . .	Weather cloudy. *Kharif* harvest progressing. *Arhar* injured by clouds. Cholera in places. Exports continue.
Raipur . . .	. . . . .	Weather cloudy but cool. Reaping of rice and *kodon* commenced. *Rabi* crops doing well. Cattle-disease in places. Rice 17 and wheat 20 seers per rupee.
Sambalpur (Nov. 6th) .	0·2	Weather cloudy and cool. Early rice being harvested. Cholera and cattle-disease in places.
		General Remarks.—Weather continues rather cloudy in south and east. *Rabi* sowings being pushed on. *Kharif* harvest commencing in Chhattisgarh. Fever rather prevalent. Prices generally steady.
Burma—**(Nov. 10th)** **(Report for week ending Nov. 6th).**		
Akyab . . .	1·08 Total rainfall 141·70	One death from cholera in town. Cattle healthy. Crops healthy.
Bassein . . .	1·77 Rain for last week ·78 Total rainfall 95·23	Ten cases of cholera in town. Cattle healthy. Crops promising.
Rangoon . . .	1·49 Total rainfall 98·64	Two cases of cholera in town.
Amherst (Moulmein) .	*Nil*	Public health and health of cattle good. Reaping commenced.
Tavoy . . .	*Nil*	Public health and health of cattle good. Prospects of crops good throughout the district. The early crop is being reaped.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Burma—*contd.*		
Pegu	0·17 Total rainfall 46·64	Public health and health of cattle good.
Henzada	90 Total rainfall 86·62	Public health and health of cattle good.
Prome	0·10 Total rainfall 41·88	Slight cholera in three townships. Cattle healthy. Crops in good condition. Weather seasonable. The rains during the week will prove beneficial to crops on high lands.
Toungoo	2·31 Total rainfall 79·66	One death from cholera in town. Cattle healthy. Crop prospects good.
Thayetmayo	2·28 Total rainfall 38·89½	Public health and health of cattle good. Crop prospects good.
		General Remarks.—Ten deaths from cholera in Bassein town and slight cholera in parts of Akyab, Tharrawaddy, Prome, Shwegyin and Toungoo districts. Public health otherwise satisfactory. No cattle-disease reported. Early crops being reaped in Sandoway, Moulmein, and Tavoy. Prospects everywhere good. Slight damage from floods in Amherst.
Assam—(Nov. 10th)		
Gauhati	*Nil* during week ending 9th instant.	Weather seasonable. Cholera has almost ceased in Sadr station but still prevalent in Nalbari on North Bank and Chhaygaon on South Bank, and also in Barpeta. *Matikalai* sowing finished. Sowing of mustard in progress. Prospects of crops good.
Sylhet	*Nil*	State and prospects good.
Cachar	*Nil*	Cold weather set in. Prospect of *sali* crops good. Reaping of *dumali* and *murali* crops progressing. Common rice 14 seers 8¾ chittaks per rupee. Tea doing well. Health good.
Dibrugarh	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Prospects of *salidhan*, *matikalai*, mustard and other crops good. Public health fair.
Mysore and Coorg—(Nov. 10th)		
Bangalore Mysore	General rain.	Standing crops good and prospects of season continue favourable.
Mercara	·96	Crops in good condition. Prices stationary.
Berar and Hyderabad—(Nov. 10th)		
Amraoti	. . . .	Weather cool and clear. Crops in good condition. Cotton-picking continues. Wheat 22 and *jowari* 26 seers per rupee.
Akola	. . . .	Weather clear. *Rabi* sowings completed. Crops doing well.
Hyderabad	*Nil*	*Rabi* crops continue to be sown. Harvesting of *kharif* crops continue. Fever and ague prevalent. Cattle-disease mitigated. Prices:—wheat 15¾, coarse rice 12, yellow *juar* 21¼, white *juar* 12¾, and *tur* 16¾ seers per current sicca rupee.
Central India States—(Nov. 10th).		
Indore	*Nil*	Weather cold and clear. Health good.
Morar (Gwalior)	*Nil*	Health and prospects good. Weather seasonable.
Neemuch	*Nil*	Weather getting cool. Fever still prevalent.
Goona	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Health and prospects good.
Sutna	*Nil*	Weather cloudy but cool. Fever prevalent. Prospects good.
Agar	*Nil*	Health and prospects good.
Sehore	*Nil*	Weather clear and cold. Health and prospects good.
Nowgong	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Prices steady. Health fair.
Rajputana—(Nov. 10th)		
Abu (Nov. 10th)	. . . .	Weather seasonable. Cold setting in. Fever still prevalent.
Sirohi („ 7th)	. . . .	Tanks full; wells good. Health good. Winter sowing proceeding. Weather cool and fine.
Marwar („ 6th)	. . . .	Tanks almost full. Health good. *Kharif* being still gathered. Nights cool. Prices stationary.
Kherwara („ 7th)	. . . .	Tanks and wells full. *Rabi* sowings continue. Health good. Prices stationary. Weather seasonable.
Meywar („ 6th)	. . . .	Water in tanks and wells decreasing. *Rabi* sowings begun. Health fair. Prices stationary. Weather fine and getting cold.
Harowti („ 6th)	. . . .	Weather seasonable. Harvesting continues. Health good.
Jhallawar („ 7th)	. . . .	Health good.
Kotah („ 6th)	. . . .	Health good. Cold weather setting in. Prices slightly rising.
Ajmere („ 9th)	. . . .	Weather cooler. Slight fever still prevalent throughout the district. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Jeypore („ „)	. . . .	Weather seasonable. Prospects fair.
Ulwar („ „)	. . . .	Health good. *Rabi* sowing progressing.
Bikanir („ 6th)	. . . .	Fever in Sujangarh. Prices stationary.
Nepal—(Nov. 4th)		
Katmandu (Nov. 5th)	Drops . . .	The rice harvest is being rapidly got in. Weather fine and seasonable.

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Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—(Nov. 17th)		
Bellary	(Average) ·87	tanding crops generally fair. Harvest dry grains, yield average in most parts. Fever in parts of one and cattle-disease in two taluks.
Kurnool	(Average) ·71	Standing crops fair, but paddy under canal suffering from want of water owing to a breach. Harvest early cereals, outturn about average. Smallpox in two and cattle-disease in four taluks.
Ganjam	(Average) 1·39	Standing crops paddy thriving. Harvest light paddy. Slight smallpox in three, fever in two, and cattle-disease in five taluks. Cholera exists.
Kistna	(Average) ·95	Standing crops generally good. Harvest wet and dry crops, outturn average. River 3 feet over anicut. Fever slight; cattle-disease in one taluk.
Chingleput (Madras)	(Average) 2·71	Standing crops fair, but in one taluk damaged by late cyclone. Harvest paddy, outturn below average. Fever in one and cattle-disease in four taluks.
Coimbatore	(Average) ·63	Standing crops generally good, but require more rain in parts Harvest wet and dry grains, outturn generally above average. Smallpox in one and fever in two taluks.
Tanjore	Average of last week since revised 7·37; this week ·23.	Standing crops generally good. Harvest wet and dry grains, outturn up to average.
Madura	Average of last week since revised 2·81; this week ·24.	Slight fever in parts.
Malabar	(Average) 1·77	Second crop cultivation progressing. Fever and cattle-disease in one and slight smallpox in six taluks.
Travancore	·45	Fever in parts. *General Remarks.*—General prospects good.
Bombay (Nov. 17th)		
Karachi	Heavy rain on 16th	Weather cloudy. River at Kotri on 15th 5 feet 5 inches against 6 feet on same date last year. Fever in eleven, and cattle-disease in four talukas. Wheat, red-rice, and *bajri* in Karachi 24, 30, and 32 and in Dádú 30, 42, and 34 pounds per rupee, respectively.
Hyderabad	Slight rain in Hyderabad on 16th.	Sky cloudy. *Kharif* harvesting still continues. Cotton crops suffering for want of water in the Hyderabad taluka and injured by high winds in the Sakrand taluka. Preparations for *rabi* cultivation commenced. River at Kotri on 15th 5 feet 5 inches against 6 feet on same date last year. Fever in six and cattle-disease in two talukas. Prices of grain steady.
Ahmedabad	*Nil*	Reaping of *kharif* still in progress; *rabi* crops healthy in all talukas save in Dhandhuka where cotton and wheat damaged in some places. Slight fever in Dholka. Wheat 33 and *bajri* 34 pounds per rupee.
Surat	*Nil*	Crops healthy. Reaping of *kharif* and sowing of *rabi* crops continue. Slight fever in Chikhli and Bulsar talukas. *Jowari* 36 and *nagli* 44 pounds per rupee.
Nasik	Rain in 4 talukas— Nasik ·03 Sinnar ·09 Igatpuri ·05 Niphad ·08	*Kharif* crops being harvested and *rabi* sowings in progress. Public health generally good. Wheat $31\frac{8}{8}$, *bajri* $36\frac{28}{40}$ and rice $20\frac{28}{40}$ pounds per rupee.
Colaba (Bombay)	Rain on 11th and 12th, total of week ·61, total to date 99·74 being 29·05 above average	Abnormal temperature fell from 1° warm on 10th to 2° cool on 12th; rose to *nil* on 14th and remained steady till end of week. Vapour in air normal on 10th, afterwards excessive. Wind normal on 10th. Abnormal wind southerly from 11th to 14th, westerly on 15th and northerly on 16th.
Poona	Rain in 4 talukas— Maximum at Haveli 2·32 Minimum at Bhimthari ·59 Light showers in others	*Rabi* crops doing well. Reaping and harvesting of *kharif* in progress. Public health generally good. Slight cattle-disease in the Indapur taluka. *Bajri* 41 and *jowari* 63 pounds in the district, and *bajri* 37 and *jowari* 48 pounds per rupee in Poona city.
Ahmednagar	Slight rain except in Jamkhed, Rahuri and Kopargaon	Reaping of *kharif* and sowing of *rabi* in progress. Health good. *Bajri* average 51 and *jowari* 69 pounds per rupee.
Sholapur	Rain in all talukas	Reaping of *rabi* crops in progress. Cotton in Karmala and Pandharpur and *bajri* crop in Karmala, Pandharpur and Malsiras talukas injured owing to excessive rain. Slight cattle-disease in Barsi taluka. Public health good. *Jowari* $71\frac{3}{4}$ pounds and *bajri* $51\frac{1}{2}$ pounds per rupee.
Dharwar	Rain general varying from ·14 in Ron to 1·20 in Kod.	Rice crops being reaped. Sowing of late crops still in progress. *Jowari* and cotton crops good. Slight fever in three and slight cattle-disease in two talukas. Rice 25 and *jowari* 57 pounds per rupee.
Kanara	Karwar ·55 Coompta ·85 Sirsi ·62 Haliyal ·40 Total rainfall to date 143·73	Rice crops good. Harvest continues above Ghat. Slight fever in three and cattle-disease in five talukas. Public health generally good. Common rice in Karwar and district average 13 seers per rupee.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bombay—*contd.*		
Rajkot	·12 Total rainfall to date 35·86.	Weather hot. General health fair. Wheat 29, *bajri* 27, and *jowari* 37 pounds per rupee. *General Remarks.*—More or less rain in thirteen districts. Crops slightly damaged by excessive rain and blight in parts of Sholapur and Ratnagiri and by high winds in parts of Hyderabad. Fever and cattle-disease in parts of twelve and ten districts, respectively and smallpox in parts of one district.
Bengal—		
Chittagong	0·37	Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops fair. Lands being prepared for winter crops. Prices stationary. Public health good.
Dacca	*Nil*	Prospects good. Harvesting of *aman* commenced. Sowing of winter crops going on. Public health good.
24-Pergunnahs	*Nil*	Prospects satisfactory. Cultivation of *rabi* almost finished. Harvesting of *aman* commenced. Fever and sporadic cholera in Barrackpore and Busseerhat. Public health generally good.
Khoolna	*Nil*	Weather cooler. *Aman* in ear, prospects favourable. Cultivation of winter crops continues well. Fever still prevails.
Moorshedabad	*Nil*	Cool bracing weather. *Aman* being reaped, result favourable. Indigo thriving; *kalai* ripening; cold weather crops being sown Generally agricultural prospects excellent. Public health fair Fever decreased but cholera reappeared.
Pubna	*Nil*	Prospects of crops good. Fever prevalent.
Dinagepore	*Nil*	Weather fair. Prospects of winter rice and sugarcane good. Cultivation of *rabi* crops going on. Cholera in thana Ranisankoil. Cattle-disease in several thanas.
Rungpore	*Nil*	*Aman* doing well. Sowing of mustard, wheat and tobacco in progress. Fever and cholera prevalent.
Midnapore	*Nil*	Prospects of rice good and of *rabi* fair. Fever abating slightly.
Burdwan	*Nil*	Prospects of *aman* excellent. Fever prevalent in parts.
Bhagulpore	*Nil*	All crops doing well. Slight cholera.
Monghyr	. . .	Opium prospects favourable, about eight annas sown up to date.
Purneah	*Nil*	Prospects excellent. *Rabi* being sown. Prices stationary. Public health indifferent.
Durbhanga	*Nil*	Prospects of paddy good. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Prices falling. Public health good.
Mozufferpore	. . .	Sowing of paddy progressing.
Sarun	. . .	Weather favourable. Condition of paddy good.
Chumparun	*Nil*	Prospects favourable. Sowing of *rabi* and poppy in progress. Prices stationary. Public health fair.
Patna	*Nil*	*Rabi* germinating well. Prospects of poppy good. Paddy being harvested in some places. Public health generally good.
Gya	*Nil*	Prospects of crops good. Public health improving.
Shahabad	. . .	Poppy sowings progressing. Temperature has fallen; heavy dews at night prevailing; prospects improving; dry westerly winds wanted for general sowings.
Hazareebagh	*Nil*	Rice being harvested; good outturn expected. *Rabi* and poppy sowings continue. Fever prevalent in places. Cattle-disease abating.
Cuttack	0·34	*Sarad* rice in ear; *Laghu sarad* being reaped. Prospects good. Price of rice unchanged. Fever prevalent in town, otherwise public health good. *General Remarks.*—Cold weather is now fairly setting in. There was light rain only in Chittagong and Cuttack during the week. General agricultural prospects are very favourable. *Aman* which is being harvested in places, promises an excellent outturn. Sugarcane is in good condition. Sowing of all cold weather crops, including poppy, is in full progress. Public health is not so satisfactory as before, there being fever prevalent in many places and cholera in some.
N.-W. Provinces and Oudh		
(Nov. 17th)		
Benares (Nov. 16th)	. . . .	Weather seasonable. *Kharif* harvesting completed except late rice which remains to be cut in some places. Agricultural prospects generally good. Markets well supplied. Prices slightly fluctuating. A little fever still prevails in the district and some cases of cholera continue to be reported from the city; the public health is however generally good.
Ballia („ 15th)	. . . .	Weather seasonable. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Supplies plentiful. Prices steady. Health good.
Gorakhpur („ „)	. . . .	Weather clear and cold. *Rabi* germinated well. Irrigation begun. Prices stationary. Health fair.
Fyzabad („ 16th)	. . . .	Weather clear. *Rabi* sowings nearly finished. Full area of poppy expected. Supplies ample. Prices stationary. Cholera and cattle-disease decreasing.
Lucknow („ 15th)	. . . .	Winter setting in. *Mash* and *mung* being cropped. Poppy sowing in progress. Markets well supplied. Prices steady. Public health good. Cattle-disease decreasing.
Rae Bareli („ 15th)	. . . .	Weather clear and getting cooler. *Rabi* crops germinating. *Bajra* and *juár* are being cut, but outturn poor. Markets full. Prices steady. General health fair.
Partabgarh („ 16th)	. . . .	Prospects good. Prices stationary. Health of people and cattle good.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
N.-W. P. & Oudh —*contd.*		
Allahabad (Nov. 16th)	. . . .	*Rabi* crops are flourishing. Transplanted rice, *juar* and *bajra* are being harvested and cotton picked. Poppy sowing commenced. Markets well supplied. Prices steady. Public health good. No cattle-disease.
Cawnpore („ „)	. . . .	Weather clear and seasonable. *Kharif* harvesting and *rabi* sowings continue. Early *rabi* sowings have germinated well. Poppy sown in nearly two-thirds of the lands engaged; quite half the October sowings have failed; the rain of 28th and 30th October is said to have done damage by hardening the soil of newly sown fields. Prices of *bajra* and *juar* have fallen, those of other grains stationary. Fever in places; slight cattle-disease in two parganas.
Farakhabad („ „)	. . . .	*Kharif* harvest still in progress; *rabi* sowings not yet completed. Markets well supplied. Health fair.
Sitapur („ „)	. . . .	Weather clear and bright. *Rabi* sowings completed and seed germinating well.
Bareilly („ „)	. . . .	Weather much colder. Crops doing well. Prices fairly steady. Cholera and fever steadily diminishing.
Banda („ 15th)	*Nil*	*Bajra, til* and *mung* being harvested. Wheat being sown; gram has germinated well. Prices steady. Fever continues; cattle-disease in one village.
Kumaun („ 16th)	. . . .	Weather fine. Rain required for *rabi*; sowings in progress. Prices falling. General health good. Cattle-disease still in parts, but decreasing.
Agra („ 15th)	*Nil*	*Kharif* harvesting continues. *Rabi* being sown and irrigated. Prices almost stationary. Fever continues.
Jhansi („ „)	*Nil*	*Bajra* and *juar* being harvested. Gram has germinated in places. Prices steady.
Meerut („ 16th)	. . . .	Weather seasonable. Cane-pressing commenced. Prospects good. Supplies ample. Prices unchanged. Health improved.
		General Remarks.—Weather clear and seasonable. *Kharif* harvesting completed in most districts. Early *rabi* sowings germinating. Poppy sowings commenced. Market supplies ample and prices steady. Public health good. Very little sickness reported. Cattle-disease decreasing.
Punjab—(Nov. 17th)		
Delhi (Nov. 16th)	. . . .	Health good. Prices fluctuating. *Kharif* reapings continue.
Hissar . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices stationary.
Umballa . . .	. . . .	Health fair. Prices stationary. Cotton-picking in progress; *rabi* sowings completed.
Jullundur . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices stationary. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Amritsar . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices stationary. *Kharif* crops good.
Sialkot . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices slightly risen. *Kharif* crops being reaped. Rain wanted for *rabi* sowings.
Ferozepore . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices stationary. *Rabi* sowings begun.
Lahore . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices stationary.
Rawalpindi . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices stationary. *Rabi* crops being sown.
Shahpur . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices rising. *Kharif* average as regards tahsil Shahpur.
Mooltan . . .	. . . .	Health good. Prices fluctuating. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Dera Ismail Khan .	. . . .	Health good. Prices rising. *Rabi* sowings in progress.
Peshawar . . .	. . . .	Few cases of smallpox. Prices stationary. Rain much wanted for *rabi* sowings.
		General Remarks.—No rain. Health good but a few cases of smallpox in Peshawar. Prices generally stationary except in Sialkot, Shahpur and Dehra Ismail Khan where they are rising. *Kharif* being harvested, *rabi* sowings in progress. Rain much wanted in Peshawar.
Central Provinces—(Nov. 17th.)		
Nagpur . . .	·03	Weather clear and cold at night. *Kharif* good, *rabi* sowings almost done. Fever in places. Prices steady.
Jubbulpore . .	*Nil*	Weather cold. *Rabi* sowings well in hand. Cotton-picking continues. Fevers prevail. Prices steady.
Saugor (Nov. 16th)	. . . .	Weather occasionally cloudy. Sowings continue. Slight cattle-disease. Prices stationary.
Seoni . . .	·13	Weather cool and cloudy. *Rabi* sowings nearly completed. Cattle-disease and smallpox in places. Prices steady.
Bilaspur . . .	*Nil*	*Kharif* harvest and *rabi* sowings continue. Clouds not yet disappeared and are injurious to *rabi* crops. Fever prevalent; cholera and cattle-disease in places. Exports continual.
Hoshangabad . .	*Nil*	Sowings nearly completed. Fever decreasing. Prices of wheat fallen and of rice risen.
Khandwa . . .	. . . .	Weather clear and cool. *Rabi* sowings almost completed; cutting of *jowari* commenced. Health fair. Prices steady.
Raipur . . .	·01	Weather seasonable. Reaping of rice and *kodon* continues. Wheat and gram sowings progressing; other *rabi* crops doing well. Cattle-disease in places. Fever declining. Rice 17 and wheat 20 seers per rupee.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week under report.	State of agricultural prospects.
Central Provinces—*contd.*		
Sambalpur (Nov. 13th)	·03	Weather cloudy and warm. Early rice being cut, yield 8 annas in Sambalpur, 4 annas in Bargarh tehsil. Cholera and cattle-disease in places. Rice 28 seers per rupee.
		General Remarks.—Weather clear and cold setting in. *Kharif* crops being harvested in places. *Rabi* sowings nearly completed. Fever in some districts. Prices are firm, but still high in Raipur.
Assam—(Nov. 17th)		
Gauhati . . .	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Cholera diminishing in the district and has disappeared in town. Sowing of mustard still in progress. Prospects of crops good.
Sylhet . . .	*Nil*	State and prospects good.
Cachar		Weather cold. Prospects of *sali* and *asra* crops and tea good. Sowing of winter crops progresses. Common rice 14½ seers per rupee. Health good.
Dibrugarh		Weather seasonable. Prospects of crops good. Public health fair. Sowing of mustard progressing.
Mysore and Coorg—(Nov. 17th).		
Bangalore . . } Mysore . . }	At Civil and Military Stations 6·18. Rain general.	Standing crops in good condition except in parts of the Tumkur district where heavy rain is reported to have damaged dry crops. Prospects of season continue favourable and public health good. Prices slightly fallen in the Mysore district.
Mercara . . .	·39	Crops in good condition. Prices slightly fallen.
Berar and Hyderabad—(Nov, 17th).		
Amraoti		Weather clear and cool. Cotton-picking continues. Crops in good condition. Wheat 22 and *jowari* 26 seers per rupee.
Akola		Weather clear. Cotton-picking progressing. Crops doing well.
Hyderabad . . .	(Average) 1·0 (Total 40·66).	Rainfall of week slightly damaged ripe *kharif* crops; *rabi* sowings continue. Fever and cholera prevalent in Manchál, Asifnagar and Shahabad taluks, but in a mild form. Prices—wheat 15¼, coarse rice 12, white *juar* 21⅛, yellow *juar* 23 and *tur* 14¼ seers per current sicca rupee.
Central India States—(Nov. 17th)		
Indore . . .	*Nil*	Weather clear and mild. Health good.
Morar (Gwalior) . .	*Nil*	Health and prospects good.
Neemuch . . .	*Nil*	Fever still prevalent.
Goona . . .	*Nil*	Health and prospects good.
Sutna . . .	*Nil*	Weather bright and cool. Health good.
Agar	*Nil*	Health good. Opium prospects fair.
Sehore . . .	*Nil*	Weather clear and seasonable. Health good. Wheat sowing in progress.
Nowgong . . .	*Nil*	Weather seasonable. Prices steady. Health fair.
Bhopawar . . .	*Nil*	Prospects favourable. Weather fair. Health good. Prices steady.
Rajputana—(Nov. 17th)		
Abu (Nov. 17th)	*Nil*	Weather occasionally cloudy and warm for time of year. Fever abating.
Sirohi („ 14th)		Tanks full, wells good. Health good. *Rabi* crops sowing. Weather fine and very mild for time of year.
Marwar („ 13th)		Tanks almost full. Health good. *Kharif* being still harvested. *Rabi* sowings progressing. Prices stationary.
Kherwara („ 14th)		Tanks and wells full. *Rabi* sowings nearly completed. Health good; fever abating. Prices steady. Weather seasonable.
Pertabgarh („ 13th)		Tanks one-fourth full. Health good. Prices steady. Weather cool.
Meywar („ „)		Water in tanks and wells decreasing. *Rabi* crops being sown. Health fair. Prices stationary. Weather fine and cool.
Harowti (Nov. 13th).	*Nil*	*Rabi* sowings progressing. Health good. Prices firm.
Kotah („ „).		Weather clear and seasonable. Prospects favourable. Prices stationary. Health good.
Ajmere („ 16th). . . .		Cholera which originated from the Pushkar fair is prevalent throughout districts; 152 seizures, 65 deaths, reported in city since outbreak. *Rabi* sowings in progress. Prices stationary.
Jeypore („ „). . . .		Weather unusually hot. Cholera among pilgrims.
Ulwar („ „).	*Nil*	Autumn crops harvested. Health good. Prices steady.
Bikanir („ 13th). . . .		Fever prevalent in Sujangarh. Prices stationary.
Nepal—(Nov. 11th.)		
Katmandu (Nov. 12th).	·15	Prospects fair. The rice crop is nearly all harvested.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE STATEMENT OF PRICES CURRENT (RETAIL) OF FOOD-GRAINS FOR THE 1st HALF OF OCTOBER 1886, PUBLISHED IN PAGE 1487 OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE "GAZETTE OF INDIA," DATED 13th NOVEMBER 1886.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Province.	Districts	Quantities per Rupee in seers of 80 tolas.													Remarks.
		Wheat.	Barley.	Rice, best sort.	Rice, common.	Jowar or Cholum (*Sorghum vulgare*).	Bajra or Cumbu (*Penniseetum typhoideum*).	Marua or Ragi (*Eleusine Coracana*).	Kangni or Kakun, Italian millet (*Setaria italica*).	Gram, Channa, Chola, Kadalay or Sunaga (*Cicer arietinum*).	Maize (*Zea Mays*).	Arhar or Thúr Cadjan Pea (*Cajanus indicus*).	Firewood.	Salt.	
		S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	S. Ch.	
Mysore.	Bangalore	10 3	11 3	9 3	10 0	24 0	...	31 8	...	10 15	...	12 0	84 0	11 4	
	Kolar	...	12 0	12 0	14 0	...	...	40 0	...	12 0	...	14 0	144 0	11 0	
	Tumkur	13 0	11 8	12 0	13 0	...	...	44 0	...	11 8	...	16 0	340 0	9 0	
	Mysore	11 0	10 0	10 0	11 8	40 0	30 0	30 0	10 0	10 8	...	11 0	72 0	9 8	
	Hassan	...	11 0	14 0	16 0	...	...	48 0	...	12 0	...	12 0	96 0	11 0	
	Shimoga	12 10	...	12 10	15 12	30 7	...	42 0	...	12 10	...	...	480 0	8 6	
	Kadur	10 0	12 0	14 0	16 0	...	...	40 0	...	13 0	...	10 0	64 0	11 0	
	Chitaldroog	13 1	13 0	11 11	14 10	34 14	17 8	36 8	30 9	13 12	...	13 3	320 0	11 4	

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC.

No. XXVII OF 1886-87.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF INDIAN RAILWAYS.

Latest Return received.	RAILWAYS.	Total mean length open.	RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 10TH OCTOBER 1885. Total.	Per mile open.	Total mean length open.	RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING 9TH OCTOBER 1886. Total.	Per mile open.	TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL TO 10TH OCTOBER 1885. Total.	Per mile open per week.	TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM 1ST APRIL TO 9TH OCTOBER 1886. Total.	Per mile open per week.	Total increase in 1886-87.	Total Decrease in 1886-87.
			₹	₹		₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
	Lines worked by Guaranteed Companies.												
23rd Oct., 1886	Oudh and Rohilkhand	608	1,15,760	190	683	95,630	140	30,10,669	180	34,70,474	186	4,59,805	...
23rd ditto	Madras	861	1,40,006	163	831	1,35,985	164	39,41,496	166	41,25,954	178	1,84,458	...
23rd ditto	South Indian	654	79,132	121	654	90,440	138	24,14,634	134	27,38,959	153	3,24,325	...
30th ditto	Great Indian Peninsula	1,497	5,30,160	354	1,497	4,41,046	295	1,75,42,176	425	1,95,92,780	477	20,50,604	...
23rd ditto	Bombay, Baroda and Central India	461	2,14,785	466	461	1,80,000	390	67,03,570	527	70,81,654	560	3,78,084	...
	TOTAL	4,081	10,79,843	265	4,126	9,43,101	229	3,36,12,545	299	3,70,09,821	326	33,97,276	...
	State Lines worked by Guaranteed Companies.												
30th Oct., 1886	East Indian	1,515	9,18,095	606	1,515	6,56,001	433	2,42,50,317	580	2,38,34,911	573	...	4,15,406
30th ditto	Patna-Gya	57	21,084	369	57	6,444	113	2,70,733	172	2,89,049	184	18,316	...
23rd ditto	Dildarnagar-Ghazipur	12	681	57	12	474	39	24,992	76	26,867	83	1,875	...
23rd ditto	Sindia	75	6,940	93	75	6,226	83	1,76,412	86	1,86,661	91	10,249	...
23rd ditto	Rajputana-Malwa(*a*)	1,660	3,26,415	197	1,664	2,73,000	164	85,40,675	187	94,09,507	207	8,68,832	...
23rd ditto	Southern-Mahratta	315	18,785	60	315	24,703	78	4,63,223	63	9,19,982	106	4,56,759	...
30th ditto	Indian Midland	...	...	...	42	1,932	46	...	...	55,188	48	55,188	...
	TOTAL	3,634	12,92,000	356	3,680	9,68,780	263	3,37,26,352	341	3,47,22,165	344	9,95,813	...
	State Lines worked by Government.												
23rd Oct., 1886	Eastern Bengal	233	83,041	356	234	1,07,975	461	20,25,664	315	25,61,441	399	5,35,777	...
30th ditto	Nalhati	27	2,066	76	27	975	36	39,737	53	43,579	58	3,842	...
30th ditto	Northern Bengal	249	57,710	232	249	43,930	176	9,59,164	140	12,36,494	181	2,77,330	...
23rd ditto	Kaunia-Dharla	37	2,567	69	37	1,636	44	64,801	63	55,222	53	...	9,579
30th ditto	Tirhoot	226	23,317	103	246	17,533	71	6,54,104	105	7,79,585	116	1,25,481	...
23rd ditto	Wardha Coal	45	9,775	217	45	9,479	211	2,43,607	197	3,37,786	274	94,179	...
23rd ditto	Nagpur and Chhattisgarh	149	12,498	84	149	11,636	78	6,78,342	165	6,59,038	161	...	19,304
23rd ditto	Burma	327	34,683	106	327	51,596	158	10,75,914	134	11,07,724	123	31,810	...
25th Sept., 1886	Chera Company Ganj	...	...	...	...	(*b*)	...	...	...	(*c*) 320	2	320	...
30th Oct., 1886	North-Western	1,803	5,64,054	314	1,803	3,94,047	218	1,52,51,773	307	1,31,91,545	267	...	20,60,228
23rd ditto	Amritsar-Panthankot	66	6,045	92	66	4,170	63	1,52,447	84	1,44,858	80	...	7,589
23rd ditto	Bareilly-Pilibhit	36	874	24	36	991	28	35,821	36	47,031	48	11,210	...
23rd ditto	Dacca	86	1,326	15	86	3,739	43	44,443	32	1,38,478	58	94,035	...
30th ditto	Jorhat	25	974	39	30	1,024	34	18,907	27	20,196	24	1,289	...
	TOTAL	3,309	7,98,930	241	3,335	6,48,731	195	2,12,44,724	238	2,03,23,297	221	...	9,21,427
	GRAND TOTAL (GUARANTEED AND STATE)	11,024	31,70,773	287	11,141	25,60,612	229	8,85,83,621	295	9,20,55,283	300	34,71,662	...
	GROSS ESTIMATED EXPENSES	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,55,41,359	151	4,66,72,048	152	...	...
	NET RECEIPTS	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,30,42,262	144	4,53,83,235	148	23,40,973	...
	Assisted Companies.												
23rd Oct., 1886	Bengal Central	125	6,032	48	125	7,954	64	2,75,743	80	3,06,133	90	30,390	...
23rd ditto	Rohilkhand-Kumaon	67	4,539	68	67	6,620	99	1,23,862	67	1,69,554	92	45,692	...
23rd ditto	Assam	78	6,512	83	78	5,867	75	1,26,200	59	1,81,979	85	55,779	...
30th ditto	Bengal and North-Western	303	19,490	64	303	15,670	52	6,29,500	76	10,30,021	124	4,00,521	...
30th ditto	Tarakessur	22	4,214	192	22	3,133	142	1,32,372	218	1,30,291	214	...	2,81
	TOTAL	595	40,787	69	595	39,244	66	12,87,677	78	18,17,978	111	5,30,301	...
	Native States.												
23rd Oct., 1886	Bhavnagar-Gondal	193	13,319	69	193	11,951	62	5,20,059	97	5,21,631	99	4,572	...
30th ditto	Jodhpore	64	2,419	38	64	4,840	76	86,227	49	1,06,532	61	20,305	...
16th ditto	Nizam's	...	(*b*)	...	...	(*b*)	...	(*d*)5,91,905	184	(*e*)7,21,989	132	1,30,084	...
30th ditto	Mysore	140	8,767	63	140	21,084	151	2,19,886	57	2,46,784	64	26,898	...
30th ditto	Rajpura-Patiala	16	884	55	16	1,352	84	21,044	48	30,215	69	9,171	...
23rd ditto	Morvi	...	...	...	24	3 8	13	...	...	21,721	33	21,721	...
	TOTAL	413	25,389	61	437	39,535	90	14,39,121	98	16,51,872	93	2,12,751	...

N.B.—As regards the figures in column "*Total Receipts from 1st April to date*," audited figures have been used as far as possible.

(*a*) Including Cawnpore-Achnera State Railway.

(*b*) Return not received.

(*c*) Total receipts from 16th June to 25th September, 1885.

(*d*) Total receipts from 1st April to 3rd October, 1885.

(*e*) Total receipts from 1st April to 2nd October, 1886.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

TREATMENT OF GANGS OF FOREIGN ASIATIC VAGRANTS TRAVELLING IN INDIA.

No. $\frac{7}{536-47}$.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Home Department (Police),—under date Simla, the 25th November 1886.

Read again—

(1) Home Department Resolution Nos. $\frac{29}{989-1000}$, dated 20th May 1870, on the subject of the treatment of foreign Asiatic vagrants travelling in India; and

(2) the undermentioned correspondence regarding certain gangs of such vagrants who lately visited the Lower Provinces of the Bengal Presidency, the Madras Presidency, the Central Provinces, and Central India:—

Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 1126 J., dated 28th February 1885.

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 2307, dated 1st September 1885, with enclosures.

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 2793, dated 14th October 1885.

Letter from the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, No. $\frac{4158}{203}$, dated 28th October 1885, with enclosure.

Letter to the Government of Bengal, No. 398, dated 30th November 1885.

Letter to the Government of the Punjab, 399, of the same date.

Read also—

Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 2408 J., dated 31st July 1886, with enclosure.

Letter from the Government of the Punjab, No. 293, dated 22nd April 1886.

Communication from the Government of Madras, No. 3223, dated 26th November 1885.
Letter to the Government of Bengal, No. 11, dated 23rd January 1886.
Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 14J.D., dated 26th April 1886, with enclosure.
Letter from the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, No $\frac{4612}{231}$, dated 26th November 1885, with enclosure.
Communication from the Foreign Department, No. 971 I., dated 23rd March 1886.

RESOLUTION.

In the penultimate paragraph of Home Department Resolution dated 20th May 1879, cited in the preamble, the following general instructions in respect of the treatment of gangs of foreign Asiatic vagrants were laid down for the guidance of Local Governments and Administrations and the officers subordinate to them, namely:—

(1) that the frontier provinces are responsible that such gangs are not allowed to pass into India;

(2) that in any province where such a gang commit any depredations, no effort should be spared in bringing the chief offenders to justice for specific crimes, or treating them, as the law allows, under the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to security for good behaviour;

(3) That on no account should such gangs be passed on under police or other guards into other districts or other provinces; but if deportation is deemed necessary, it should be carried out at once under Act* III of 1864, full lists and descriptive rolls of the deported persons, with photographs of the leaders, being taken and forwarded to the frontier Governments; and

* An Act to give the Government certain powers with respect to Foreigners.

(4) that on no account should safe-conduct passes or licenses to carry arms be granted to gangs of this type, or to any members of such gang; and that if arms or ammunition are found in their possession, they should be at once disarmed in accordance with the provisions of the Arms Act.

2. The following instances have recently come under the notice of the Government of India in which these instructions have in certain respects been overlooked by local officers. In the year 1884, a large body of Pathans visited the Lower Provinces. According to the Police reports, these men described themselves as being of Dehra Ghazi Khan, although there was reason to believe that they were wandering gipsies from beyond the North-West Frontier of India. They travelled in several gangs, the number of which appeared to be fluctuating, and while pretending to be horse-dealers caused great annoyance to the inhabitants of the districts through which they passed by practising various methods of extortion.

In June 1885, three vagrant bands entered the Ganjam District of the Madras Presidency from Bengal—two through the Gurjat Mahals, and one through the Sambalpur District of the Central Provinces. These gangs, or some members of them, were found to be furnished with police escorts, passes, and licenses to carry arms. Two of the bands called themselves Biluchis, but stated that they came from Dera Ghazi Khan. The third described themselves as being natives of Hyderabad in Sind. Although trade in false-jewels, pocket-knives, pearls, and other miscellaneous articles was their ostensible object, their entry into the Madras Presidency was at once marked by disturbances. On the 31st July 1885, the Local Government issued an

order directing the removal of the gangs in question from the territories belonging to the Madras Presidency under the provisions of section 3 of Act III of 1864. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of that order were as follow :—

> There is reason to believe that the three gangs are connected, and that they entered the Northern Circars of this presidency in the year 1882, and then stated that they belong to Hyderabad in Sind. From enquiries then made it was ascertained that the men were not known at the places mentioned by them, and the order of this Government then passed declared them to be "clearly *foreign* vagrants." His Excellency the Governor in Council has no hesitation therefore in treating all three of the present gangs as foreigners.
>
> The gangs have now entered the Vizagapatam District, and the question of their future disposal must be decided. His Excellency in Council resolves to order, under the provisions of Act III of 1864, section 3, that these gangs of foreign vagrants shall remove themselves from the territories belonging to the Madras Presidency by the shortest route leading towards their home beyond the North-West Frontier of British India. * * *

It also appears that certain gangs of foreign vagrants were passed on last year from the Central Provinces to the territories of certain Native States in Central India.

In a report submitted by the Bengal Government, it is explained that gun licenses were fraudulently obtained from the authorities at Alipore and Howrah by some individual members of one of the three gangs who entered the Ganjam District from the Bengal side. As regards the passports which these gangs were said to possess, it is stated that they were mostly certificates from a few local officers in the Lower Provinces to the effect that the men were a quiet set of traders, who had created no disturbance in the localities where they had temporarily halted, or that they were respectable travelling merchants. Stringent orders have now been issued by the Bengal Government with the object of preventing any repetition of the practice of giving such certificates.

3. The practice of furnishing wandering gangs such as those referred to above with police escorts, passes, and licenses to carry arms is clearly opposed to the orders contained in the Resolution of the 20th May 1879; and the Governor General in Council desires that the special attention of district officers in the several provinces should be directed to those orders, a strict observance of which should at the same time be enjoined. It must also be understood that such gangs must under no circumstances be passed on from British territory into Native States. His Excellency in Council would furthermore point out that the treatment of these foreign vagrants is a matter which requires the exercise of a careful discretion, aud which cannot be regulated by hard-and-fast rules.

4. The Government of India also concurs in the suggestions contained in the letters from the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces and the Bengal Government, dated the 26th November 1885 and 31st July last, respectively, which are cited in the preamble to this Resolution, namely,—

(1) that an order of deportation, if issued by any Local Government, should be made effective, and should not merely require the removal of the persons concerned from a particular presidency or province, but beyond the limits of British India (section 3, Act III of 1864), and that the route for removal should be always specified in the order, warning being at the same time given to the Local Governments and Administrations through whose territories the gang will pass; and

(2) that whenever a license to carry arms is given to any person who may appear to be travelling *bonâ fide* for the purpose of trade, a note should be made on the